

protesters locked down in front of the suburban mansion of a Nationwide Insurance executive to pressure Nationwide to stop supporting police militarization.

Across the country in New York City, 200 people marched to the joint offices of AXA XL and Nationwide Insurance, both of which profit from the ongoing genocide in Gaza as well as their ties to the Atlanta police foundation and Cop City. Over 100 protesters stormed to the building, hanging banners and disrupting business.

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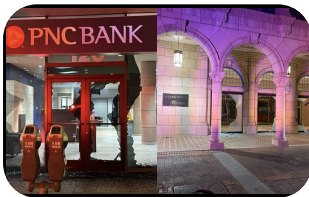
Footage of the action in NYC by Jonathan Rampagoa.

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Tonight, demonstrators marched through Tucson, Arizona in solidarity with the movement to [#StopCopCity](https://crimethinc.com/copcities). Windows were broken at PNC Bank, which funds the Mountain Valley Pipeline, and Wells Fargo. A Wells Fargo executive is on the board of the Atlanta Police Foundation, the organization that is pushing for the city of Atlanta to channel untold millions of dollars into the construction of a wildly unpopular police militarization facility.

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Today marks two years since Russia initiated the full-scale military invasion of Ukraine.

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The invasion would never have been possible if Putin's regime had not spent the past decade crushing every social movement in Russia—using torture to extract false confessions from arrestees and imprisoning or assassinating countless people. But this is not limited to Russia alone.

Everywhere on earth, governments are relying on more and more repressive and invasive policing to control restless populations. The war in Ukraine is part of a story that is familiar in Syria, Yemen, Ethiopia, Myanmar, Sudan, Palestine, and elsewhere. It represents the same strategy that governments around the world are employing within their territories, expanded to the scale of geopolitics: the recourse to brute force to suppress resistance and extend control.

Wherever we fight against state repression, we are fighting against a future of war.

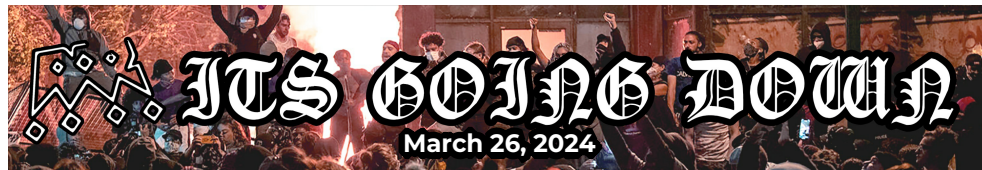
In this picture, anarchists march today in Vilnius.



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# ¡VA POR CHÍO!

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## Activist Sentenced to Jail for Spray-Painting Custer Statue

March 23, 2024

Report on the sentencing of [an anti-colonial activist in Monroe, Michigan](#). For more info on how to write political prisoners, [go here](#).

On Wednesday, March 20th, in front of a packed county courtroom in Monroe, Michigan, local anti-colonial

activist Peatmoss Ellis was sentenced to a 30-day jail term for spray-painting a message of resistance on a statue of civil-war era genocide-perpetrator General Custer on Indigenous Peoples' Day in 2022.

First District Court Judge Amanda L. Eicher explicitly stated that she was assigning Ellis the maximum possible sentence in order to deter others from engaging in dissent.

“This heavy-handed sentence is a politically-motivated decision and the

worst-case scenario for a misdemeanor,” said local climate activist John R. Sullivan. “The purpose of this decision is to uphold the legacy of genocide and white supremacy. The county wants to deter us from fighting back against the state’s past and ongoing crimes against indigenous and other racialized and oppressed people. The people’s response should therefore be the opposite of deterrence.”

Ellis is the co-director of a homeless shelter based in Ann Arbor, MI, and a regular volunteer at an animal

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“This Is What Our Ruling Class Has Decided Will Be Normal”

On Aaron Bushnell's Action in Solidarity with Gaza

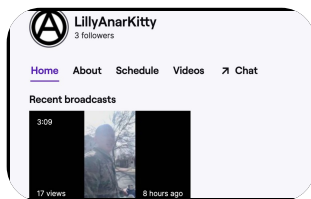
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On February 25, we received an email from a person who signed himself Aaron Bushnell, announcing that he was going to engage in an act of protest against the genocide of the Palestinian people.

Shortly afterwards, Aaron set himself on fire in front of the Israeli embassy in Washington, DC.

All afternoon, while other journalists were breaking the news, we discussed how we should speak about this. Some subjects are too complex to address in a hasty social media post.

Here, we share some of our thoughts about tragedy, urgency, and sacrifice.



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people struggling with poverty and substance use issues to pay thousands of dollars in court fees and submit to extensive surveillance and probationary conditions.

"This is not only an attack on dissent against colonial legacy, it is also an attack on the poor," said Sullivan. "Peatmoss serves an essential function in housing the local homeless population. By locking them up during this period of harsh weather, Judge Eicher is putting the most vulnerable members of our community in grave danger."

Custer, who was originally from Monroe, Michigan, is responsible for the forced displacement and murder of thousands of Indigenous people. He led multiple attacks and treaty violations against the Lakota Sioux, Cheyenne, and Arapaho. In 2021, the United Tribes of Michigan unanimously passed a resolution calling for the removal of his statue in Monroe as a symbol that is "widely perceived as offensive and a painful public reminder of the legacy of Indigenous people's genocide and present realities of systemic racism in our country." In 2020, an activist coalition led by people of color petitioned for the statue to be moved from downtown into a museum. In response to this petition and at least one other totalling nearly 25,000 signatures, Monroe city council stated they had no plans to discuss relocation of the statue.

"Despite the harsh sentence, Peatmoss was in good spirits throughout the day and was supported by so many of their friends and comrades in court," said Ellis's friend Chris Pierce. "The repressive sentence handed down by Judge Eicher hasn't damaged Peatmoss's spirit of resistance. They're already working to advocate for fellow inmates at the Monroe County jail by organizing a protest to an initiative by the jail manager to collect and destroy inmates' books and magazines."

To write to Peatmoss, please address letters to Lillian Ellis (Inmate #000204306), 100 E 2nd St, Monroe, MI, 48161.

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## Mexico: Attacked for being a lesbian, imprisoned for self-defense

March 22, 2024

A call for solidarity and mutual aid for

### Chío in the State of Mexico.

Chío has spent the last 11 months in prison for defending herself against a lesbophobic attack.

From Tlalnepantla, State of Mexico, Chío is a young woman who enjoys playing soccer and spending afternoons with her family, friends and loved ones.

On the afternoon of April 2, 2023, Chío was out with her then-girlfriend for a walk like any other day in Nicolás Romero, State of Mexico, when a group of men approached her to insult her and start beating her and her partner for no reason. It was an obvious lesbophobic attack.

While defending herself from what was already a lynching attempt involving more than 20 people, she tried to escape in a car but was physically held back by blows and insulted for being a lesbian.

When the police intervened to "rescue" her from the possible lynching, Chío ended up being the one who was accused. She was presented before the Public Prosecutor's Office to be prosecuted for attempted homicide against her aggressors. Of course, the lesbophobic attack, the attempted femicide and lynching to which she was subjected were omitted from the prosecutor's case against her.

After her legal defense managed to reclassify the crime for which she was imprisoned from attempted homicide - against 7 minors and 1 adult - to bodily harm, she has been ordered to pay damages in the amount of 450,000 pesos.

That is why we call for solidarity with Chío's cause so that she can return to the streets and enjoy what she loves. Her family is now bankrupt but has already raised two thirds of the amount. However, we still need to raise the funds necessary to achieve her freedom. Funds can be sent via PayPal to @CatherineCVS.

### Atacada por lesbiana, presa por defenderse

Chío lleva 11 meses en la cárcel por defenderse de un ataque lesbófobo.

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## This Is America #195: Friends of Aaron Bushnell Speak, Deep Dive on Situation in Haiti

March 21, 2024

Welcome, to *This Is America*, March 21st, 2024.

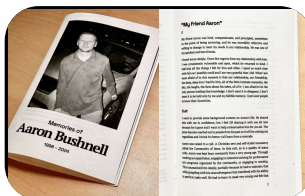
In this episode, first we speak with several anarchists and mutual aid organizers in so-called San Antonio, Texas about their late friend, [Aaron Bushnell](#). On February 25th of this year, [Bushnell, an anarchist](#) originally from the Cape Cod area of Massachusetts, engaged in what he described as an "extreme act of protest," when he set him self on fire in front of the Israeli embassy in Washington DC, in protest of the US government's ongoing support of the state of Israel and its campaign of genocide and ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians in the occupied territories. We speak about their friend and how



This zine presents Aaron Bushnell's politics in his own words, along with memories of Aaron from four of his close friends.

<https://crimethinc.com/Aaronzine>

Please print these out and share them.



103 years ago today, the participants in the Kronstadt uprising released the first issue of their daily paper.

Three proposals contended within the Russian Revolution. Russian anti-capitalists debated whether power should be vested in representative electoral politics, in a one-party dictatorship, or directly in horizontally organized workers' councils [soviets]. The Kronstadt uprising demanded direct control by workers' councils.

Here, you can read the entire text of all 14 issues of the newspaper published by the Kronstadt rebels, the Izvestia [news] of the Provisional Revolutionary Committee of Sailors, Soldiers, and Workers of the Town of Kronstadt.

<https://crimethinc.com/kronstadt>

Many different factions have attempted to portray the Kronstadt uprising according to many different ideological frameworks. This is a rare opportunity to see the rebellion from the perspective of the rebels themselves.



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From a vigil in memory of Aaron Bushnell in San Antonio, Texas, where many people knew and loved him.

<https://crimethinc.com/AaronMemo>



Both major presidential candidates visited the US border today in a competition to come off as the most capable of defending the artificial barriers that separate the haves from the have-nots, the included from the excluded.

"The US two-party system functions like a ratchet, with the Republican Party steadily pulling public policy and permissible discourse to the right while Democrats, in seeking to acquire power by chasing the political center, serve as a mechanism that prevents policy and discourse from shifting back."

-The Insidious Workings of the Political Ratchet

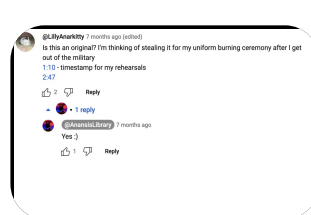
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The real alternative is the anarchist opposition to all forms of oppression. Solidarity, mutual aid, and resistance to domination.

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Our collection concludes with "The Empire Raised Me," a poem by Anansi's Library, which Aaron Bushnell had been practicing to recite once he was out of the military.



Memories of Aaron Bushnell

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On February 25, Aaron Bushnell set himself on fire at the gate of the Israeli embassy in Washington, DC as an act of protest against the ongoing genocide of Palestinians in Gaza. Hostile critics have attempted to shrug off Aaron's action as the consequence of mental illness. On the contrary, Aaron's choice was a political action arising from his deeply held anarchist convictions.

In this collection, we share Aaron's own summary of his politics, followed by testimony from three of Aaron's close friends.

"I am an anarchist, which means I believe in the abolition of all hierarchical power structures, especially capitalism and the state... I view the work we do as fighting back in the class war which the capitalist class wages on the rest of humanity. This also informs the way in which I want to organize, as I believe that any hierarchical power structure is bound to reproduce class dynamics and oppression. Thus, I want to engage in egalitarian forms of organizing that produce horizontal power structures based on mutual aid and solidarity, which are capable of liberating humans."

-Aaron Bushnell



On the final day of the [#StopCopCity](#) summit in Arizona, multiple





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As the 2024 presidential campaign gets underway, it's a good time to revisit the tools and tactics that demonstrators experimented with in Portland in 2020 when Donald Trump sent federal agents to try to crush the protests there.

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Everything you can do with leafblowers, umbrellas, lasers, shields, balloons, bubbles, food carts, and more!



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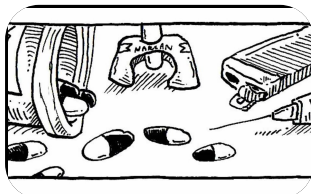
"It Was Not an Unexpected Death" An Account from the Opioid Epidemic

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Starting in 2021, drug overdoses have killed more than 100,000 people in the United States every year. While the crack and heroin epidemics of the late twentieth century were used as a pretext to introduce mass incarceration, mandatory minimums, three-strikes laws, and racial profiling, all of which disproportionately targeted Black and brown people, so many white people have died of overdoses over the past decade that the rhetoric around the opioid epidemic has changed dramatically. Today, even racist conservatives acknowledge the opioid epidemic as a social crisis—but how to address it remains an open question.

Anarchists struggle against the conditions that give rise to drug addiction, the ways that the authorities take advantage of addiction to inflict additional damage on communities, and also

against addiction itself. In the following reflection, Angustia Celeste revisits harm reduction strategies through the lens of personal tragedy and grief.



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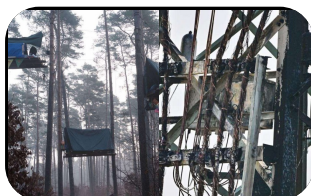
Germany: The Fight against the Tesla Gigafactory

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For several years now, locals, anarchists, environmentalists, and others have been engaged in a struggle against a Tesla "gigafactory" in the small town of Grünheide, only five kilometers southeast of the Berlin city limits. Now, Tesla is seeking to expand the facility at further cost to local forest and groundwater.

After locals voted against the expansion, activists established an occupation in the forest that is slated for destruction. Saboteurs burned an electrical pylon, halting work at the Tesla factory and costing the company hundreds of millions of euros.

Here, we present an interview with a participant in the forest occupation and a translation of a statement from the group that shut down electricity to the Tesla plant.



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2023 in Chile: 50 Years of the Military Coup  
Neoliberal Consolidation after the Revolt of 2019

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In 2019, an uprising broke out in Chile, wresting control of the streets from police and politicians. Eventually, the authorities managed to redirect this momentum into an effort to replace the constitution,

itself a relic of the brutal dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet. The attempt to ratify a constitution more aligned with the values of the demonstrators failed, however, illustrating the risks of channeling grassroots movements into seeking change through institutional means.

As a result, a resurgent right wing has regained the initiative in Chile, while the left politicians who came to power have subordinated themselves to the market and the police. To this day, Chile is governed according to the constitution that was introduced as a consequence of the military coup. In the following account, members of the Anarchist Assembly of Biobío trace this story through the end of the year 2023, chronicling the consequences of the cooptation of the uprising of 2019.



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Germany: In the Streets against Fascism, Again

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The far-right party Alternative für Deutschland ("Alternative for Germany") has been gaining momentum in German politics since 2017, when they entered the parliament. On January 10, 2024, an investigative journalism group reported that prominent members of the AfD had met with a member of another fascist party to devise a plot to deport millions of immigrants, including those with German citizenship. This precipitated a wave of anti-fascist demonstrations around Germany.

In this translation and interview, German anti-fascists explore the rise of fascist politics in Germany and the potential of the mobilizations against it.



they came to know Bushnell as he lived and worked in the area alongside them. We talk about Aaron's upbringing in a Christian sect and how it influenced him later in life and how he came to embrace anarchism. We also speak about how his friends have dealt with the aftermath of his death and attacks on Aaron from neoliberal and far-Right media.

We then speak with an anarchist currently living in Montreal on the situation in Haiti and about the recent wave of resistance in the region. We also unpack the long history of rebellion, colonialism, and US intervention on the island, and how these realities continue to influence political and social life in the territory in the 21st century.

## Upcoming Events

- April 19th - 21st: Chicago Anarchist Skillshare. [More info here.](#)
- April 26th - 29th: Northeast Bash Back Convergence. [More info here.](#)
- May 4th: First Ever Kitsap Anarchist Bookfair. Bremerton, WA. [More info here.](#)
- May 4th, 2024: First Annual Upstate Anarchist Bookfair, Binghamton, NY. [More info here.](#)
- June 28th - 30th: Another Carolina Anarchist Bookfair. Asheville, NC. [More info here.](#)
- July 2nd - 9th: Hudson Valley, Earth First! Gathering. [More info here.](#)

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**Canadian Tire Fire #69: Direct Action Against NorthVolt, Solidarity with**

## Palestine Roundup, and Renewed Forestry Blockades in Atikamekw Territory

March 20, 2024

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In this month's column, we've got updates on a wide range of struggles. First, some headlines. [Mining Injustice Solidarity Network held an demonstration to disrupt the annual Prospectors & Developers Association Conference \(PDAC\)](#) in Toronto. The conference brings together mining industry actors from around the world. The protestors hoped to disrupt the event, sharing analysis that Canadian mining destroys, kills and colonizes across Turtle Island and around the world.



In legal updates from the last month, [Tiny House Warriors continue to face down charges](#) sustained during their ongoing fight against the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

In Montreal, hundreds marched as part of militant demonstrations against police brutality held annually.

Finally, [rallies occurred outside the Smithers courthouse, where the BC crown asked for up to 3 months jail time](#) for Likhts'amsyu Chief Dsta'hyl, for his actions against CGL pipeline, which crosses his territory.

And now, on to this month's full stories!

**Direct Action Continues Against Northvolt**

In the past month, multiple sabotage actions have taken place on the site planned to be developed for the Northvolt battery plant in Saint-Basile-le-Grand, Quebec.

A translation of one [reportback](#) reads:

Anarchists again attacked the capitalist machine of destruction at the Northvolt site. Steel spikes were placed on the various paths used by the machinery. In addition, new nails were put into trees, this time without identifying them, to maximize the potential for destruction on the ecocidal machinery. The people who did the action are not afraid of getting caught. Even if they did, they would ask to be judged by their peers. By the spiny softshell turtles, little bitterns and copper redhorses. By all the species that die because the destruction of the planet is profitable as hell. ... It was a sad time to take action. At the Northvolt site, barely a few trees remain, including those that were identified as having been the target of spiking last time. This shows that direct action works. Indeed, these nails have probably done more for the protection of biodiversity than COP15, and the whole string of other COPs.

Another [reportback](#) reads:

To stop the destruction of natural habitats, activists have targeted the Michaudville group's Mont-St-Hilaire quarry, which to date has been responsible for filling in over ten hectares of marshland essential to the survival of vulnerable species such as the least bittern, the spiny softshell turtle and the eastern red bat...At the beginning of the week, around a hundred studded devices were spread along the road leading to the quarry to target the trucks transporting the earth and gravel used for backfilling. Over the past few weeks, more than a hundred return trips have been made daily, with a truck passing every 3 minutes. Any action that disrupts traffic and obstructs the only access road to the quarry will cause financial losses and affect the profitability of the project. Every hour of work lost is a victory for Northvolt's opponents.

**Palestine Solidarity Blockades and Actions Continue**

As of the beginning of March, the death toll in Gaza since October 7th has reached over 30,000 people. On



February 23rd, a UN press release called for an immediate stop to any transfers of weapons or ammunition to Israel, stating that they would likely be used to violate international humanitarian law in Gaza. It explicitly named Canada as one of the countries participating in the support of Israel's military, including through export licenses.

From February 26th-28th, actions in seven cities blockaded access to offices and manufacturers supplying and profiting off Israel's military operations. The blockades called for an arms embargo on Israel, with organizers stating that until the government blocked the export of arms to Israel, community members would do it themselves. Over 100 protesters in Scarborough, ON, shut down the morning shift of TMM Technologies, a manufacturer that supplies circuit boards for fighter jets and targeted bomb systems. In Calgary, weapons manufacturer Raytheon had their plant blocked. Protesters in Victoria shut down the offices of Lockheed Martin for the day.

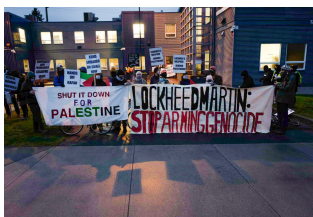


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The same day, in Kitchener-Waterloo, the entrance to machine gun manufacturer Colt Canada was blockaded. Other blockades included Safran Electronics in Peterborough, Thales in Quebec City, and Hikvision in Vancouver. Another round of blockades came on March 7th, when actions in St. John's, Halifax, and Toronto shut down all three Kraken Robotics facilities in Canada, including headquarters, offices, and a manufacturing plant.



### Other Actions

In Rimouski, a Starbucks was vandalized. An anonymous reportback stated, "Rimouski stands with Palestine and its people! Starbucks has blood on their hands! No to a multinational that supports genocide. No to a multinational that kills in our community. No to a multinational that ruins everything it touches. We don't want a starbucks that finances Israel, here or there!"

On March 4th, around 400 pro-Palestine protesters shut down an event at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto that was meant to host Justin Trudeau and Italian prime minister Giorgia Meloni. Rallies, marches, student walkouts, and other demonstrations have also continued at a regular rhythm across many Canadian cities.

### Reactionary events and pushback

On March 4th in Montreal, protesters disrupted an event featuring three IDF soliders. The event was originally planned to be hosted at Concordia University, before it was cancelled and relocated due to student complaints. Protesters blocked off the entry to the venue, preventing many ticket-holders from attending, and blocked others inside, forcing police to escort attendees out of the building.

On March 3rd, Israeli real estate corporation Keller Williams held an event at a synagogue in Vaughan, ON, selling homes suspected of being located in the occupied West Bank. The event drew a pro-Palestine protest, as well as a counter-protest. One individual wielding a nail gun attacked pro-Palestinian protesters and was arrested on charges of assault, possession of a dangerous weapon, and

mischievous. Several similar events and protests have happened since in Toronto and Montreal.



Person who threatened pro-Palestinian demonstrators with a nail-gun.

## Atikamekw Logging Blockade Resumes Near Wemotaci

The fight against logging in Nitaskinan re-escalated this past week. Since last year, various blockades have been held against loggers in Atikamekw territory, about four hours north of Montreal. This week, what has been described as a very tense situation occurred near Wemotaci.

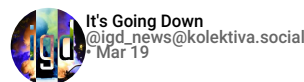
Reports on social media indicate that around fifty loggers confronted Indigenous land defenders who were blocking access to the territory as the spring thaw begins. Members of the Atikamekw community had newly resumed a total blockade of forestry operations on Thursday morning in Haute-Mauricie. The blockade once again stops traffic at the level of kilometer 104 on route 25, as was the case several times in the past year.

A news report shared the following explanation for the renewed blockade from a press release shared by the Association of Guardians of the Nehirowisiw Aski territory: "Hereditary leaders raise their voices to stop the decline in biodiversity, to fight against climate disturbances and denounce the abuse of resources. A moratorium on the destruction of natural environments is necessary."

A GoFundMe has been set up to support the land defenders facing down an injunction for their ongoing blockade.

## Ohioans Blockade Boeing Facility Tied to Israeli War Machine

The Enemy Arrives by Limo, Not by Caravan: Building a Politics of Solidarity Across Borders  
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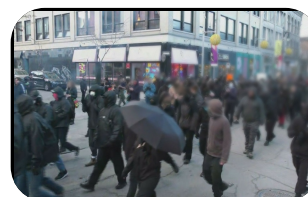


Billboard for #AaronBushnell put up in the bay area.



Hundreds marched in annual militant march against police brutality in #Montreal.

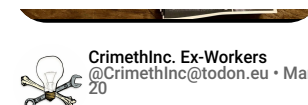
<https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/mobile/smashed-as-annual-anti-police-brutality-march-underway-in-montreal-1.6809815>



To build up momentum towards May Day, or else to put it in the context of a century and a half of struggles, you could distribute our zine "The May Days: Stories of Courage and Resistance".

<https://crimethinc.com/zines/the-may-days>

Just one of more than 130 zines ready to print from our online zine library!



22 camaradas estão finalmente livres da perseguição aos levantados de junho de 2013 e 2014 no Rio de Janeiro!

Depois de 10 anos de um processo que serviu como punição antecipada, destruindo a saúde mental de todos e contribuindo para que um camarada tirasse sua própria vida, o Estado veio a público neste terça dizer que sempre soubemos: que ele estava enganado! Processo inteiro foi declarado ilícito e todas as pessoas acusadas e perseguidas pela Justiça foram absolvidas em segunda instância

A mesma mídia que massacrou os 23 durante uma década não vai publicar uma linha sobre sua absolvição e fingir que nada aconteceu.

NINGUÉM FICA PARA TRÁS!

<https://crimethinc.com/2018/07/30/e-a-democracia-securitaria-nota-contra-a-sentenca-dos-23-da-copa-de-2014-1>



After ten years of judicial persecution following the June 2013 and 2014 uprisings in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the 22 defendants are finally free.

The court process itself was the punishment, destroying everyone's mental health and contributing to one of the defendants taking his own life. Finally, on March 19, 2024, the authorities admitted what we always knew. The entire court case was declared illegal and all of those accused and persecuted by the courts were acquitted.

The same media that harassed the 23 for a decade will not publish a line about their acquittal; they pretend nothing happened.

The only conceivable "justice" would be the revolutionary abolition of the entire judicial system and the mercenaries who impose it!

<https://crimethinc.com/Brazil23>



Speaking of the Paris Commune, we recommend Peter Watkins' dramatization of the events—a revolutionary experiment unto itself.

<https://crimethinc.com/LaCommune>



On March 18, 1871, at the end of a disastrous war with Germany, Parisians drove the French government from the city and embarked on an ambitious social experiment in women's liberation, workers' self-management, and public education. Afterwards, this became known as the Paris Commune.

<https://crimethinc.com/arch18>

In this narrative, we present the experience of the anarchist Louise Michel at the moment the insurrection broke out.

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A hush falls. The soldiers ready their weapons. They look pale. Someone cries, "Don't shoot!" but the crowd does not fall back.

"Aim!"

A line of matching rifles goes up. A woman is trembling; another grips her arm, sneering at the young men in their army uniforms. Behind them, Michel and her friends raise their rifles as well. They see that some of the soldiers are shaking too.

"Fire!" There is an instant's pause.





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Michigan General Defense Committee is calling for a phone-zap campaign in support of a prisoner. From Instagram:

"On March 20th we received a letter from Hunter Poppenger, an imprisoned comrade who has been in contact with GDC over the last year. He told us that he had been set up by a corrections officer (C.O.) and assaulted by an inmate on March 6. During the assault Hunter's jaw was broken which required it being wired shut. On his return to Gus Harrison in Adrian, MI he was threatened by the C.O. and told "he was going to make sure that jaw never heals". The same C.O. threatened that Hunter "would be lucky if he makes it home fucking with me." As of March 16th Hunter has not been allowed to shower, has been forced to wear the same bloody clothes from March 6th, and has been denied a straw to consume the liquid food he requires to survive. He reports he has lost 15 lbs in 8 days. We are asking folks to call in support of transferring Hunter to another facility."

More Info:  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/C400iqsh=MWVuNGV2ZGxvMmJ0cG%3D/>



Today people in El Paso at the border who were scheduled to be sent to a detention center tore through a razor wire fence and pushed past the National Guard.

For more background on how capitalist globalization, war, and US intervention is pushing many to flee their homes, go here:  
<https://itsgoingdown.org/the-enemy-arrives-by-limo/>

More info here:  
<https://www.khou.com/article/news/the-border/migrants-arrested-in-el-paso/285-3e80289e-2f41-4a8d-94a8-edb6e8427d63>



On the latest episode of [#ThisIsAmerica](https://itsgoingdown.org/this-is-america-195/), we speak with friends of [#AaronBushnell](https://itsgoingdown.org/this-is-america-195/) in [#SanAntonio](https://itsgoingdown.org/this-is-america-195/), [#Texas](https://itsgoingdown.org/this-is-america-195/) about their friend and what media narratives got wrong. We also speak with an anarchist from [#Montreal](https://itsgoingdown.org/this-is-america-195/) about the ongoing history of resistance in [#Haiti](https://itsgoingdown.org/this-is-america-195/), colonialism, and much more.

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Don't miss the latest edition of [#cdntirefire](https://itsgoingdown.org/canadian-tire-fire-69/), featuring news, action, and analysis of autonomous social movements and struggles across so-called [#Canada](https://itsgoingdown.org/canadian-tire-fire-69/).

This installment includes a huge roundup of actions and blockades in solidarity with [#Palestine](https://itsgoingdown.org/canadian-tire-fire-69/), a look at direct actions against a Northvolt battery plant in [#Quebec](https://itsgoingdown.org/canadian-tire-fire-69/), and anti-loggery blockades on Atikamekw territory.

Read and share here:  
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Canadian Tire Fire #69: Direct Action Against Northvolt, Solidarity with Palestine Roundup, and Renewed Forestry Blockades in Atikamekw Territory  
photo cover:  
[@franklinlopez@kolektiva.social](https://itsgoingdown.org/canadian-tire-fire-69/) via Mastodon In this month's column, we've got updates on a wide range of struggles. ...



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[#Palestine #FreePalestine #Gaza #FreeGaza #CeasefireNow](https://itsgoingdown.org/ohioans-blockade-local-boeing-facility-tied-to-israeli-war/)

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Ohioans Blockade Boeing Facility Tied to Israeli War Machine  
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"These realities are not lost on billionaires such as Trump and the fascists they amplify, yet these forces do not which to challenge or oppose the capitalist class attacking workers; instead – they want to redirect our rage, largely of US born white workers, not against those at the top, but instead, against those at the bottom."

<https://itsgoingdown.org/the-enemy-arrives-by-limo/>

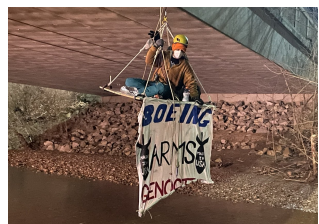


March 20, 2024

Action report from recent anti-war blockade in so-called Heath, Ohio against Boeing.

On March 11th in Heath, Ohio, local residents blockaded a Boeing facility with clear connections to the Israeli states genocide against Palestinians since October 7th and decades before. This direct action was done to target the facility for its development of technologies, that aid in the aircraft used by the Israeli government.

As a company, Boeing has had deep ties to Israel, since 1948, resulting in their operations adding \$3.5 billion to Israeli economy over the last 7 decades. [1] From August 5th to 7th, 2022, Israel's offensive in Gaza utilized Boeing attack helicopters and fighter jets, resulting in the deaths of 44 Palestinians, among whom were 15 children and 4 women. [2]



"Boeing is uniquely positioned to disarm the harrowing acts of violence being committed by the Israeli state against Palestinian people. Boeing reminds us all that where we stand on Palestine is a choice between valuing wealth or humanity. We demand that Boeing act with humanity for once: divest from genocide," stated Ash, an Ohio resident of Palestinian descent

Ohio has a long history of colluding with the state of Israel, from Governor John Kasich's long [history of Zionism](https://itsgoingdown.org/the-enemy-arrives-by-limo/) to the pushing for Israeli aid to the [Columbus Division of Police training with Israeli organizations](https://itsgoingdown.org/the-enemy-arrives-by-limo/). [3] [4] Ohio residents and organizers, who are part of this blockade, are deeply aware of the interconnectedness between the militarization of police in the United States and the ongoing war crimes committed by the IOF through shared training practices and genocidal reasoning. Ohio state officials have Palestinian blood on their hands, as noted in a [2021 Columbus Free Press article](https://itsgoingdown.org/the-enemy-arrives-by-limo/) that states that Ohio has \$220 million in Israel Bonds ("...the highest amount for any state in the US."). [5] Additionally, Ohio taxpayers contribute [\\$108,326,244](https://itsgoingdown.org/the-enemy-arrives-by-limo/) a year to the Israeli military. [6]



Ohio residents against this ongoing genocide encourage other community members to diverse modes of resistance to be in solidarity with Palestinians, whether it be pushing politicians to call for a ceasefire, holding suppliers of weaponry and technology accountable, or supporting Palestinians in their community. They demand an end to Israeli occupation of Palestine.

NOTES:

[1] <https://www.boeing.com/content/global/pdf/israelbackgrounder.pdf>

[2] <https://www.whoprofits.org/company/boeing-company>

[3] <https://www.timesofisrael.com/kas-signs-ohio-state-law-banning-boycotts-of-israel/>

[4] <https://www.facebook.com/ColumbusFreePress>

[5] <https://columbusfreepress.com/article/taxpayers-invest-most-israel%E2%80%99s-%E2%80%99Capartheid-regime%E2%80%99D>

[6] <https://uscpr.org/activist-resource/us-military-funding-to-israel-map/>

**Announcing the First Annual Kitsap Anarchist Bookfair**

March 19, 2024

Announcing the the first annual Kitsap Anarchist Bookfair in so-called Bremerton, WA.

Join us on May 4th for the first ever Annual Kitsap Anarchist Bookfair! Anarchists have been active in Kitsap County for over a hundred years, recently there's been an uptick in anarchist projects in the area, and since annual springtime traditions are generally on the wain, it seems like a great time to inaugurate this thing. Bookfairs have conventionally been a unique space for committed anarchists, the anarcho-curious, and sympathizers from a variety of backgrounds to come together to discuss and encounter anarchist ideas and practices.

Tabling, performances, and talks will be split between a few of the venues along Callow Ave in so-called Bremerton, Washington, on occupied Suquamish, Twana, and S'Klallam territory. Callow has historically been an area where vice has been sequestered, but in the more recent couple of decades the torch of anarchy has been kept alive in the punk scene surrounding the Charleston on Callow Ave. The Charleston will incidentally be [hosting the punk show after party](https://itsgoingdown.org/this-is-america-195/)

With atomization ever-deepening under capitalism and with numerous unfolding crisis it seems important to make intentional space for us to link up and critically engage in the areas we share affinity for. Capitalism, racism, and ecocide still persist, and state repression of those who would dare challenge this ruling order continues, so let's make the effort to find each other and expand our anarchic capacities. We encourage those who live in Kitsap to come out and beat that stultification to meet up with rad people and projects in our area. We encourage those outside of Kitsap to transgress borders and come see what's up, we have a lot in store so it'll be worth the trip.

Tablers include: 1312 Press, Bellingham Alt Library, Bigfoots House Of Vinyl, Black Flag Library, Black Flower Collective, Bum Lung, Certain Days, Civ Fucks Distro, CrimethInc., Contagion Press, Counterflow Distro, Detritus Books, Emergent Goods, Entangled Roots Press, Free Lunch Collective, Fugitive Distro, Historical Seditions, Kitsap Food Not Bombs, Kitsap IWW, Left Bank Books, N.O. Bonzo, Philomena the Plant, Pipsqueak, PM Press, Puget Sound Prisoner Support, Rebel Cat Distro, Rowan Grove Distro, Roxy Fae, Shin Deathcap ft. Bitter Bitch, Sugar Bombing World, That Local Deaf Zinester, Ungrateful Hyenas, and more! Other events include a drag show, a showing of Kitsap Ferry Riot, a showing of Videos from the Trash Dimension, a medic workshop, mutual aid workshop, and more!

Also featuring book talks from Josh Davidson on *Rattling The Cages*, Rimona Eskayo, *I'm Having Top Surgery: An Illustrated Guide for Me and You*, and special video appearance of former political prisoner Eric King!

For info and updates please visit [kitsapbookfair.noblogs.org](https://kitsapbookfair.noblogs.org).

**MASKING STATEMENT:** We're asking participants to mask up for the bookfair both as a means of making the event more accessible by preventing



the spread of RSV and COVID which are still going around, but also to normalize masking for personal security. We will be providing masks and posting signage. We feel the community will respect these desires. The only caveat being the afterparty at the Charleston potentially being a difficult event to keep at optimal levels of mask use. Knowing this may make some attendees uncomfortable we encourage everyone to lead by example and use harm reduction best practices.

## Final Straw: Xinachtli Speaks From A Texas Dungeon

March 19, 2024

Long-running anarchist radio show and podcast *The Final Straws* speaks with Xinachtli, an anarchist Chicano political prisoner.

This week, we're sharing an interview with Xinachtli, an anarcho-communist Chicano political prisoner held in the McConnell Unit of the Texas prison system. Xinachtli, whose name is Nahuatl for "seed" is also known by his state name of Alvaro Luna Hernandez. Xinachtli spoke to us recently about his views on the white supremacist, colonial system of the so-called USA, the legacy of genocide of indigenous peoples in the southwest of Turtle Island, his jailhouse lawyering and his upcoming parole bid.

## From our Prior Interview Intro:

Xinachtli is serving a 50 year sentence since 1996 in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for aggravated assault on a Sheriff in Alpine, Texas. The Sheriff was serving a warrant for Xinachtli's rearrest at Xinachtli's home. When questioned on the nature of the warrant, the Sheriff pulled a gun and Xinachtli was able to disarm him and make an escape without harming the Sheriff significantly.

After a few days of man-hunt, his mothers house was surrounded by numerous local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and the house was besieged. It was only a 9-1-1 call from Xinachtli made stating that he was not being allowed to surrender that caused the troops to stand down and he allowed himself to be taken into state custody.

The grounds for the arrest warrant have since been overturned, but based on the post-facto word of the Sheriff that Xinachtli had pointed the gun at him, Xinachtli was sentenced to 50 years. He's been determined to be a political prisoner based on his participation in multiple cases against abuse by prison officials and police, his jailhouse lawyering, advocacy for Latinx and other marginalized people in Texas and his political stance that the US and state governments occupying the Southwest of Turtle Island is a racist and illegitimate regime.

## Xinachtli Links:

- Website: [FreeAlvaro.Net](http://FreeAlvaro.Net)
- [Xinachtli speaking](#) about his life and case up to roughly 2010

## A few notes from Xinachtli's Support Team:

Xinachtli's support team is undergoing a transition and expansion, atm, which is why the ways to donate aren't more formal.

Per Xinachtli's request, donations would go to: fundraising materials, commissary, potential podcast (if the institution approves), movement building, some core team needs, jailhouse lawyer work, and for post-release support if he gets out.

If you want to donate a larger amount or have any questions prior to donating, please contact: 2024xinachtlifreedomcampaign (at) gmail.com (preferred) or via +1 (773) 688-4329

When donating PLEASE write as a message: "X", "Xinachtli" or an emoji that has some type of "X" in it.

- Venmo: <https://www.venmo.com/u/marti>
- PayPal: [preciado.christopher@gmail.com](mailto:preciado.christopher@gmail.com) ([paypal.me/merziado](https://paypal.me/merziado))
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## Friendly Invite to Another Carolina Anarchist Bookfair!

March 18, 2024

Announcing the annual Another Carolina Anarchist Bookfair (ACAB) from June 28th to 30th in so-called

Asheville, NC.

From June 28th to 30th, 2024, Another Carolina Anarchist Bookfair (ACAB) will once again converge on so-called Asheville, NC, opening a space for all of us committed to liberation and world-building in the here and now to plot and play, mourn and love, co-educate and collaborate. The ACAB collective invites you to join us!

**The bookfair, an anarchist ritual of spiritual recovery, carves out time and space to gather and rethink our strategies for destroying this world in order to open the door for many others.**

Amid all the horror, we cannot neglect our capacity for joy. To struggle against the state and for liberation, there must be a life worth fighting for. Our anarchism taps into our pleasures along with our disgust, our wholeness along with our brokenness. The bookfair offers us a space to feel and reflect on these oppositions together. During these gatherings, we witness the breadth of our interdependencies and solidarities as we contemplate the crumbling of infrastructure and social well-being, devastation of ecosystems, and growing hot spots of fascist action. We see how much we already make possible through the spirit and substance of our practices.

There's perhaps never been a better time and greater need for us to gather as anarchists. Over the last five months, we've witnessed the Israeli state's genocide of Palestinians as the IOF, along with allies such as the United States, massacres people in Gaza and beyond. Every day it seems, there is news of some state legislation targeting bodily autonomy and queer people, libraries and critical thinking, or the basic necessities of life, or some transphobes or cops taking murder into their own hands, and a ballot-box choice between fascism and fascism ahead. And acts of resistance to these and so many other assaults are increasingly met with intense repression, demanding our resources and time to fight the state and its courts on their own terrain.

This list could go on and on. We know all too well what's making our hearts hurt; we know all too well the sense of despair that permeates the present. But even more than that, everything is changing, and largely not at all in the ways we anarchists envision.

ACAB offers a counterspace for us to catch our breaths, reflect on the

must complete the process of becoming a citizen, or else they are denied rights and representation. This has historically allowed for all kinds of discrimination, including outright racism against those who are non-citizens. This exclusionary element of nationalism is indeed what allows Israel to cast itself as a state for the Jews and nobody else, indeed how included non-European Jews should be is questionable within its self-conception. This means that the one-state solution requires a "bi-national" state, despite the fact that nationalism is inherently exclusionary, defining some as outside the bounds of representation through and rights under the rule of the state. Even the Soviet Union's claim to "multinational" statehood was a farce, not least because it was controlled from the Kremlin.

Here we should come to the question of why we should even think in statist terms at all. Palestinians have historically wanted a state, but not for its own sake. They wanted a state because they believed it to be the only way they could finally achieve self-determination. Indeed there is a historical tradition of national liberation movements aiming to and successfully replacing colonies with independent nation-states. While these movements did end formal colonialism throughout much of the world, it's hard to say that those living under the "new nations" have "self-determination". Just look at African politics. It's hardly self-determination to live impoverished under clientelist regimes that frequently cannibalize themselves in coups.

There is just no escaping the absolute inadequacy of statism and nationalism for resolving questions of social justice. Here the Anarchist tradition has an old proposal that looks much more promising. The Anarchists thought that nation-states should be replaced by federations of regional assemblies. These are not bureaucratic, hierarchical, coercive bodies, but freely associated regional assemblies that network together through elected delegates that, rather than making decisions on the assemblies' behalf, carry out the decisions the assemblies make themselves. Such an institutional structure would entail voluntary relations between the people that form them and would thus have no need of any type of exclusivist ideology. It would also entail that all involved in these institutions get a full and equal say over all decisions of social organization.

If Anarchist federalism is combined

with the right of return for Palestinian refugees to their ancestral homes and settlement rollbacks, we have a structure that accommodates both Palestinian self-determination in their ancestral homeland as well as the continued presence of Jewish residence in the region. So we get the democratic equality of the one-state solution and the recognition of the needs of both groups in the two-state solution, without the contradictory nationalism, concession to colonialism, and reliance on bankrupt statist approaches that weigh them down. This approach also gives us the dissolution of Hamas, who in addition to targeting civilians is an Islamist group that before the war maintained authoritarian control over the strip, and the unelected, largely conciliatory, autocratic rule of the Palestinian Authority in the Westbank, for free.

However, this approach, like any solution to the 'conflict', has its own unique challenges. Since this is an anti-state solution nobody with any political power, obviously not the Israeli government, not Fatah, not Hamas, not the UN, or US will have any interest or involvement in implementing it (thus also bypassing issues of the political will of largely indifferent, or ineffectual political elites). It is also not a purely political solution unlike the others. This kind of anti-state federalism entails social control over the region's production so that the self-organized regional bodies can make decisions about the region's productive activity. Thus it can only be brought about via social revolution, not only in historic Palestine, but across the world. Thus it will take much struggle in the intermediate term to achieve. It will probably entail a third Palestinian uprising as nobody that claims to "represent" the Palestinians and thus make decisions on their behalf can be substituted in the Anarchist framework for the Palestinians themselves.

Such an uprising likely won't be in the immediate future as Gazans are being murdered by the thousands in Israel's colonial war on the strip. Key to Palestinians even having the ability to fight back will be the efforts of an international movement outside historic Palestine for boycott, divestment, and sanctions on Israel. There will be no prospect of resistance if Israel's already terrifying military capability is further developed by international support. The Anarchist movement in the United States in particular, is tasked with sabotaging the United States' recalcitrant material and political support for Israel. This international pressure against support

of Israel by foreign governments is something we should all already be working to mount. We need more pro-Palestinian protests to make it as politically expensive as possible for our governments to continue to support Israel and not pressure it for a ceasefire to end its colonial war on the strip. The lives of Palestinian men, women, and children are at stake.

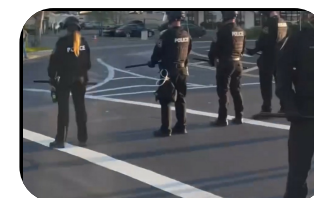
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**Blockades of military bases in #California continues in solidarity with #Palestine.** This recent action was met with police brutality.

"During these arrests they violently attacked several femmes, and threw several to the ground. Of those attacked, one was knocked unconscious from the force of the police assault. Another who had arrived with a walker due to hip injuries, was thrown to the ground and hospitalized. Immediately after the arrests were made police moved to try and arrest protesters who had never entered the street, but they were stopped by other police."

Report via [@indybay](#): <https://www.indybay.org/newsitems>



On our latest podcast, we sat down with three friends of Aaron Bushnell, who spoke about their friend and the media storm that followed in the aftermath of his final act of protest.

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pave the way for an exclusively Jewish state, with the vast majority of rights and privileges in this state enjoyed by Ashkenazi (European) Jews, and Jewish settlements on that land. The Zionist movement was undoubtedly born in the 19th century out of the need for European Jews to find safe haven from violent antisemitism on the continent, a need that only grew stronger with the perpetration by the Nazis of the holocaust in which European Jewry was nearly wiped out. Jewish people undoubtedly have a connection to historic Palestine as a result of their religious traditions. None of this, however, changes the fact that the state of Israel only exists via the removal of the Palestinian people from historic Palestine.

The very reason 1,200 Israeli civilians were killed and over 200 of them taken hostage, is because not only does Israel exist because of the expulsion of Palestinians from their ancestral homes, but Israel for the last 12 years has enforced a blockade on the Gaza strip that has destroyed its industry and severely limited access to food, water, and medicine for the Palestinian residents of one of the most densely populated regions of the world. The Zionist narrative that has found wide hearing in the media since the attack is that Hamas, the Islamic political party and armed group that has controlled Gaza since 2007, primarily exists to eradicate the Jews. It is not much different, according to this narrative, from ISIS, or even the Nazis. The massacre that took place on October 7th indeed makes this narrative look plausible to many uninformed individuals watching the headlines.

This narrative is in fact wrong. Hamas may be antisemitic, Hamas may have also made the twisted calculation that targeting Israeli civilians is a legitimate political tactic, but it is not ISIS. It has secular political goals that have nothing to do with the establishment of world-wide Islamic rule to occasion the rapture. It is also not comparable to the Nazis. Despite its violent tactics and extreme rhetoric Hamas has never been bent on annihilating the Jews. Hamas is an organization that came about in its modern form as a resistance organization, specifically to resist the Israeli settler colonial project. In fact, its goal no longer even appears to be the eradication of Israel as its 2017 charter, while still stressing the need to liberate all of historic Palestine, capitulates to a two-state solution.

The October 7th attack was Hamas' attempt to break the military status quo ante in which Israel continued to blockade Gaza prompting Hamas to

respond with attacks, serving to justify Israel in launching retaliatory operations in which many more Palestinian civilians were killed. This strategy allowed Israel to refuse to sit at the negotiating table and continue to pursue a purely military solution to the "conflict", i.e. further repression, murder, and expulsion of Palestinians. Scholars have coined a term for what Hamas carried out on October 7; "subaltern genocide". This refers to uprisings of an oppressed population that include massacres of the civilians among the dominant group. Other examples are slave rebellions in which women and children were killed. Often the idea that what Hamas did was an act of resistance is scoffed at by pointing out how the targets were festival going civilians, but in no other context do we expect resistance to be mutually exclusive with targeting civilians. Disqualifying slave revolts that targeted white civilians as acts of resistance in virtue of the fact that civilians were targeted is obviously confused. So is the presupposition that resistance needs to be morally virtuous and discriminating. The phenomenon of subaltern genocide shows that conditions of oppression have the ability to drive their victims to do morally condemnable things in order to put an end to their morally condemnable condition.

The above considerations give us reason to think that not only is Israel's settler colonial project the primary cause of the displacement, poverty, and massacre the Palestinians have been experiencing since 1948, but it was also the impetus for attacks carried out by groups like Hamas, including the carnage of October 7 2023. So the question becomes what to do about it. Ever since the Arab-Israeli conflict and Pan-Arabism faded from the geopolitical scene the Palestinians have reasserted their right to self-determination through the formation of Fatah and it's take over of the Palestinian Liberation Organization as well as, perhaps more significantly, two large-scale Palestinian uprisings referred to as the first and second "intifadas" respectively. This led to the so-called "peace process", primarily through the Oslo Accords, in which in exchange for territorial concessions on both sides and Palestinian recognition of Israel, Palestinians were promised an eventual state of their own on their historic territory (that is not already part of Israel). This is the so-called "two state solution".

The idea behind the two-state approach is that neither the right of the Israelis, nor that of the Palestinians to self-determination is denied. Both are

granted the right to be citizens of a sovereign state of their own. Today this solution is usually assumed to be one that returns Israel to the borders it had before the 1967 war that allowed it to take control of Gaza and the Westbank, so that these territories can integrate into the future Palestinian state. The two-state solution is the one preferred by many western countries, including the United States which remains Israel's greatest world ally. However, there are serious problems with this proposal.

Firstly, the current Israeli government certainly has no political will for the creation of a Palestinian state, never mind going back to pre-67 borders. It is a government dominated by far-right neo-Kahanist elements, many of whom are interested in the project of colonial conquest of Gaza. But this is actually the smallest issue facing two-states. Since 1967 Israeli settlers backed by the Israeli state have illegally pilfered the land of the Westbank, such that there is barely any land for a Sovereign Palestinian state to exist on if said settlements aren't rolled back. The more fundamental issue is an issue that Palestinians have always had with this solution in that it requires them to recognize that an entity premised for it's very existence on making them into refugees be allowed to exist in perpetuity.

Some have thought a more attractive option is the so-called "one-state solution". Putting aside the extremist Zionist version of this solution that essentially just amounts to the total eradication of the Palestinians in historic Palestine, the one-state solution as preferred by some Palestinians and leftists calls for the end of Israel as a distinct Jewish state in favor of a binational sovereign political entity in which Jews and Palestinians have equal rights and access to democratic participation. The advantage of this approach over the two-state solution is it sees the abolition of Israel as a settler colonial project while in theory preserving the rights of Jewish people living in the region. The problem that most one-state proponents seem not to appreciate is the irreconcilable contradiction at the heart of its approach.

Modern states are nation-states, including Israel and any future, or hypothesized Palestinian state. Nationalism is an exclusivist ideology. *One and one group only* is defined as made up of citizens of the nation to be politically represented and guaranteed rights. Anyone else who wishes to receive this representation, or rights

immense shifts, and plot as well as dream forward together. Indeed, as our participants over the past five iterations can attest, it's a special bookfair, and likely this year, more so than ever. Asheville is a small town with a notoriously close-knit and extremely queer anarchist community, and many folks live in villages or the woods in the surrounding mountains, making for a deep connection to rural life and social struggles as well. Despite our smallness, we host the biggest regional bookfair, which has become a destination for people all over the Appalachia and the Southeast—and beyond. Yet at the same time, because of our smallness, there's a sweet familiarity and friendliness at ACAB, like an annual anarchic family reunion.

Over the years, our bookfair has cultivated a reputation for offering an eclectic, "not-your-usual-suspects" array of talks and workshops, ranging from practical skills, to inspiring histories and report backs from imaginative present-day resistance, to theory and analysis, and much more. Amid all the wonderful options for collective learning and sharing, we're known for the intimate social space the emerges among the people who travel to be with us. We emphasize social relations, and make plenty of room for parties and shows, formal and informal meetups, participatory conversations, and dedicated moments for ritual and grief. And this year's bookfair falls on the anniversary of Stonewall, so the gayness will be dialed up extra big.

**Help us make "Another Carolina" in the here and now, showing the world that Appalachia and its rural regions are hotbeds for radical activity and love.**

The hope is that everyone will come away refreshed, feeling more whole and interconnected, better prepared for needed community self-defense and mutual aid ahead.

We invite you to propose a workshop, conversation, or talk that showcases what you have been up to in the last year. ACAB is a place to share your projects and get input from a community of dedicated anarchists. It's a place for us to talk through dilemmas and draw out possibilities. To make a proposal, due by or before May 1st, go to: [acabookfair.noblogs.org/acab2024/pro](http://acabookfair.noblogs.org/acab2024/pro)

If you have a distro or publishing project, come table with us and disseminate radical ideas to an eager readership! To request a tabling spot,

due by or before May 1st, go to: [acabookfair.noblogs.org/acab2024/app](http://acabookfair.noblogs.org/acab2024/app)

Or simply join us over three days of workshops, tabling, music, gathering, and so much more. These moments are the cracks of freedom against a backdrop of brutality—and we want you here with us to pry those wide open!

## Rocklin, CA: Antifascists Stand With Community Members to Defend Local Event from Proud Boys

March 16, 2024

**A report on community defense of a local event from the Proud Boys in so-called Rocklin, California.**

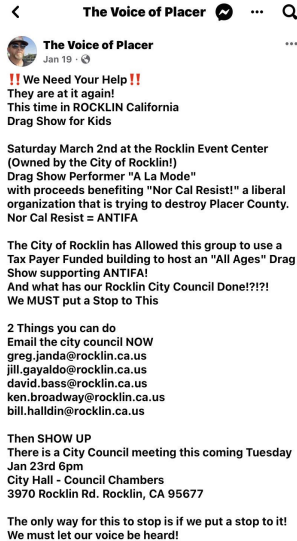
On March 2nd, 2023, community members answered the call to help support a fashion show in Rocklin, CA from potential far-Right agitators. The opposition ended up including a group of approximately 12 Proud Boys.

The owner of a local boutique shop in Rocklin, California decided to put on an inclusive fashion show celebrating their 3rd Anniversary of being in business. As part of the event, there was scheduled to be a fundraiser and a drag show. The event was labeled "All Ages," after multiple families expressed interest in the event and inquired if they could bring their children. The event itself was never targeted towards kids specifically and was always marketed as a fashion show with vendors, model walks, a drag show and raffles. While there would be adult beverages sold at the event, no part of the scheduled activities were sexually explicit or involved things that young kids could not be around or are not around already in other spaces in society. Recently, a big point of contention in the public discourse of drag shows and LGBTQ+ events has centered around the term "all ages" and what that means versus an event specifically labeled as a "kids or children" event. Typically in the entertainment industry or identical event spaces, "all ages" means the content of said event is appropriate for any age versus an event "for kids" where the primary focus of event materials or festivities are specifically *FOR* a younger child audience.

For example, children are allowed at

restaurants that serve alcohol but that doesn't mean they get served drinks or are told they have to wait for their parents outside while they eat their meal. There are numerous spaces in society where "adult" specific activities are happening but it's still perfectly safe for kids to be around. There is little to no push back in cis heterosexual spaces but now tremendous pressure is being focused on the LGBTQIA+ community and events featuring a drag performer. The fashion show in Rocklin would be next to receive biased criticism from the conservatives in the area.

The event would end up catching the attention of Rocklin right-wing pastor, politician, bar owner and leader of anti-LGBTQIA+ campaigns, Matthew Oliver. Some might remember him as he played a key role in the campaign against Pastor Casey, a queer community member and religious leader who faced online and even in person harassment at his house by Proud Boys and neo-Nazis for manufactured allegations of pedophilia and grooming. (Casey was later exonerated by the school district after an investigation which found no wrong doing on his part. In addition he faced no criminal charges and was supported by an overwhelming number of students and parents who testified to the importance of Pastor Casey to queer students and the community).



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**!! We Need Your Help !!**  
They are at it again!  
This time in ROCKLIN California  
Drag Show for Kids

Saturday March 2nd at the Rocklin Event Center  
(Owned by the City of Rocklin!)  
Drag Show Performer "A La Mode"  
with proceeds benefiting "Nor Cal Resist!" a liberal organization that is trying to destroy Placer County.  
Nor Cal Resist = ANTIFA

The City of Rocklin has Allowed this group to use a Tax Payer Funded building to host an "All Ages" Drag Show supporting ANTIFA!  
And what has our Rocklin City Council Done????  
We MUST put a Stop to This

2 Things you can do  
Email the city council NOW  
[greg.janda@rocklin.ca.us](mailto:greg.janda@rocklin.ca.us)  
[jill.gayaldo@rocklin.ca.us](mailto:jill.gayaldo@rocklin.ca.us)  
[david.bass@rocklin.ca.us](mailto:david.bass@rocklin.ca.us)  
[ken.broadway@rocklin.ca.us](mailto:ken.broadway@rocklin.ca.us)  
[bill.halliday@rocklin.ca.us](mailto:bill.halliday@rocklin.ca.us)

Then SHOW UP  
There is a City Council meeting this coming Tuesday  
Jan 23rd 6pm  
City Hall - Council Chambers  
3970 Rocklin Rd. Rocklin, CA 95677

The only way for this to stop is if we put a stop to it!  
We must let our voice be heard!

Oliver immediately took to Facebook to alert his followers that "sexually explicit" entertainment was coming to Rocklin Event Center and that kids were in danger. He also highlighted his distaste for the Sacramento



organization that helps immigrant families, NorCal Resist. During a Facebook live rant, Oliver claimed that the organization was an “Antifa” group and that the funds from the event were going to support “antifa” and, “Things that are trying to actively destroy what makes Rocklin and Placer County so great.”

If there is two things that far-Right groups love to hyper fixate on and cause panic over, it's false information about child safety and boogeyman allegations about “Antifa.” Oliver began a campaign to get the event shut down and organized his followers to call and email city council. In addition he rallied them to show up in person to city council in what would lead to a failed attempt at getting the event cancelled, but would grab the attention of local news and put many eyes on the situation. As part of his larger campaign against the LGBTQIA+ community he also encouraged his followers to sign his petition to try and get a city ordinance to ban drag shows in Rocklin.

Oliver and many others showed up at Rocklin City Council holding signs saying, “Say No to Kids at Drag Shows.” During this time, online harassment of the boutique business took place on Facebook and Instagram, speaking about child grooming and other far-Right fear mongering. Oliver's Facebook rants included a part about the how the drag performer supported the Palestinian movement and how the city of Rocklin was allowing quote “this group to use a tax funded public building to host an All ages drag show supporting Antifa.”

Oliver, like many other far right agitators, worded all his comments in misinformation and misleading statements. In reality the event center was rented out by the shop owner and is not open to the public without prior reservations, the drag show was 1 small part of the entire event and was no in way inappropriate for kids, and neither NorCal Resist or the drag show were the sole and only focus of the event.



While Oliver never posted a public call to protest the event itself, it is known from past similar harassment campaigns that he has the ear of local

far-Right groups like the Proud Boys. Oliver would not end up showing up to the event with a group of protesters himself but the groundwork was laid by him through media interviews and social media fear mongering for the potential of more militant groups taking it upon themselves to pick up the torch where he left off.

Due to the wide spread notoriety of the event and concerns over safety, the organizer and owner of the Botique shop posted a call-out for support of the local community. A request was made for folks to show up and provide a “buffer” between any potential bad actors trying to hurt or harass the attendees and their families while entering the event. Folks were asked to show up and welcome people to cultivate a positive, supportive and inclusive environment. The event was scheduled to began at 6pm and community support was requested at 5pm via an Instagram post by the owner and organizer.

Defenders and community supporters began assembling around 5 PM on the day of the event and were quickly confronted by a group of around 8 Proud Boys, which eventually swelled to around 12 total. This group appears to have been made up of members of the “Sactown Proud Boys” chapter, a group last seen publicly when they were “extremely literally” chased out of Davis, sprinting for nearly a mile to escape antifascist protesters.

The group of Proud Boys seemed lackadaisical and low-energy, able to muster the energy for only sporadic comments about grooming. They seemed disorganized, with some in camo fatigues while others came in poorly-executed drag costumes of their own. At one point, one of the Proud Boys seemed to be embarrassed that his wife was mixing it up too much with the defenders. He pulled her aside to have a conversation about it.



Despite the overall disorganization and lack of vigor from the Proud Boys, tensions were high early on. Robert Sunday Jr-a Proud Boy who had previously been caught on film punching a Trans teenager in Sacramento - stole a defender's sign and threw it on the ground. The

defenders held their ground while others guarded each of the front doorways, ensuring only genuine attendees could enter. After a while of stand-off outside the front doors, The Proud Boys eventually seemed to realize that they would not be able to disrupt or shut down the event from happening, and they gathered up and left. Defenders continued to guard the doorways, watching the parking lots and escorting folks to their vehicles until the event ended and the last attendees had left.

Despite the attempts of the Proud Boys, the event itself was a success and received great feedback of not only the event itself but the folks who helped keep it safe. Community supporters made up of anti-fascists, helpful volunteers, and local residents held a united front in the face of fascist violence showing once again the power of an organized community.



Via Social Media

It is important to note that while Matthew Oliver did not show up himself or publicly call for a protest, his constant fear mongering and anti-LGBTQIA+ campaigns have grabbed the attention of far-Right militant groups who will gladly get their hands dirty in service of him. His role in the current rise of far-Right fascist violence is one that cannot be overlooked, as this is now twice in the last year that dangerous white supremacists have taken action based on his targeted campaigns.

## The Enemy Arrives by Limo, Not by Caravan: Building a Politics of Solidarity Across Borders

March 15, 2024

Decades of brutal US imperial intervention and corporate globalization have created the conditions that are forcing thousands to migrant and seek refuge within the increasingly militarized borders of the United States. At the same time, for those living within the imperial core, conditions have only gotten worse,

CA. 1st Street Billiards. 7 PM. [More info here.](#)

- **March 15th:** Rally and speak out against police brutality. Olympia, WA. [More info here.](#)
- **April 26th - 29th:** Northeast Bash Back Convergence. Philadelphia, PA. [More info here.](#)
- **June 28th - 30th:** Another Carolina Anarchist Bookfair. Asheville, NC. [More info here.](#)
- **July 2nd - 9th:** Hudson Valley, Earth First! Gathering. [More info here.](#)

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## Haitian Government Declares State of Emergency as Popular Rebellion Spreads

March 10, 2024

**Report on the unfolding situation in Haitian as the government declares a state of emergency and unrest grows.**

Haiti's government declared a state of emergency and nighttime curfew late Sunday in an effort to regain control of the streets after a huge popular uprising over the weekend saw armed fighters storm the country's two biggest prisons.

The 72-hour state of emergency took effect immediately. The government said it would set out to find the escapees from prison. “The police were ordered to use all legal means at their disposal to enforce the curfew and apprehend all offenders,” said a statement from Finance Minister Patrick Boivert, acting prime minister.

Prime Minister Ariel Henry traveled abroad last week to try to salvage

international bourgeois support for bringing in a US-backed security force to pacify the country in its conflict with increasingly militant organizations countrywide.

## Thousands of Prisoners Fled During Jailbreak

The decree capped a deadly weekend that marked a new point in the corrupt, Western dominated Haitian states collapse. At least nine people had been killed since Thursday – four of them police officers – as coordinated attacks on state institutions in Port-au-Prince escalated. Targets included police stations, the country's international airport, and the national soccer stadium.

But the siege Saturday night of the National Penitentiary came as a shock even to Haitians accustomed to living under the constant pressure due to colonial misuse. Almost all of the estimated 4,000 inmates fled in the jailbreak, leaving the usually criminally overcrowded facility empty Sunday with no prison guards in sight and plastic sandals, clothing and furniture strewn across the concrete patio. Three bodies with gunshot wounds lay at the prison entrance.

## Colombian Soldiers Remain in Haiti Prison

Among the few dozen who chose to stay in the prison are 18 former Colombian soldiers accused of working as mercenaries in the July 2021 assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moïse. Amid the clashes Saturday night, several of the Colombians shared a video pleading for their lives.

“Please, please help us,” one of the men, Francisco Uribe, said in the message widely shared on social media. “They are massacring people indiscriminately inside the cells.”

Colombia's foreign ministry called on Haiti to provide “special protection” for the men.

The violence Saturday night appeared to be widespread, with several neighborhoods reporting gunfire.

## Second Port-au-Prince Prison Overtaken by Gangs

A second Port-au-Prince prison

containing about 1,400 inmates was also overrun. Gunmen also occupied the nation's top soccer stadium in a highly symbolic display of defiance Internet service for many residents was down as Haiti's top mobile network said a fiber-optic cable connection was slashed during the rebellion.

In the space of less than two weeks, several state institutions have been attacked in increasingly coordinated actions, while choosing once unthinkable targets like the Central Bank. As part of coordinated attacks, four police officers were killed Thursday.

The rebellion is significant since the president, who is US-backed and unelected, has been organizing an international occupation force to impose its will on the country. There has been no notable progress on social issues, economic issues, or reparations for US and French destruction of the country.

The violence must be understood in this context.

Photo by [Issy Bailey](#) on [Unsplash](#)

## Formulating an Anarchist Approach to the So-Called “Israeli-Palestinian” Conflict

March 8, 2024

**An anarchist analysis of the occupation in Palestine and a visioning of what an anarchist non-state solution might look like.**

It's called the “Israeli-Palestinian Conflict” as if it is a clash between rival ethnic groups over religion, territory, or some combination thereof. Even if the media has wanted to paint it this way, that is not what the so-called conflict really is. In 1948 the state of Israel was formed after hundreds of thousands of Palestinians were expelled from their homes and villages and to this day have not been permitted to return. In the decades since that event the state of Israel has grown only by conquering more and more of historic Palestine. Now the vast majority of that region is part of Israel, under de facto, or de jure Israeli occupation, or the site of internationally illegal Israeli settlements.

The so-called “conflict” is really the colonial expulsion of Palestinians from land on which they already lived to



pockets.



Cargill Tenants Union rallies in support of rent strike in Putnam, CT. SOURCE: Cargill Tenants Union Instagram

A rent strike organized by the Cargill Tenants Union in Putnam, Connecticut has continued into February and March, as tenants face threats of eviction as they continue to demand that landlord address health and safety concerns over lead, mold and beyond. Most recently, the rent strike has pushed the attorney general of Connecticut to launch an official inquiry. From a [recent statement from the CTU](#):

Our rent strike and tenant union organizing has been building pressure to remediate this mill for our members. This is a major development directly resulting from attention on our rent strike. We still face retaliatory evictions, but the tide is turning in our favor. Organizing gets the goods.

Resistance to Cop City in so-called Atlanta and beyond continued across the so-called US. According to communiques recently posted to *Scenes from the Atlanta Forest*, an office in Santa Cruz, California of a subsidiary of Nationwide, an insurance provider to the Cop City project, was [vandalized with graffiti slogans and had their locks glued](#). In Brooklyn, New York, [police cars and buses had their tires punctured and the slogan, "For Tort," was left behind](#). On Lenapehoking territory, [three Nationwide offices were covered in anti-Cop City slogans and posters](#). A [video of the communique was released](#):

Supporters of Jack, who was recently arrested in raids against the movement in Atlanta, rallied at a recent court hearing, complete with a hardcore band who played outside of the court house. A [rally](#) was also recently [organized outside of the home of the Atlanta Mayor in protest of the Cop City project](#).



Rally with hardcore band playing in support of Jack in so-called Atlanta, Georgia. SOURCE: Unicorn Riot

In the Pacific Northwest, action continued against a proposed Cop City in Lacey, WA. A communique posted to [Puget Sound Anarchists](#) wrote:

In the earliest hours of Saturday morning, a small crew spiked various trees in the woods that are currently being logged, a well-known eco-defense practice to prevent or at least delay the logging of these precious trees. We need forests, not cops. Hours later, a separate crew dropped a banner that read Stop Lacey Cop Complex #stopallcopcities at the Olympia/Lacey pedestrian bridge over Pacific Avenue that will hopefully bring more awareness to the project...

In Houston, Texas, a judge has ruled that [police must "temporarily" stop the ticketing](#) of the local Food Not Bombs chapter. According to one report:

Food Not Bombs have been operating in Houston, Texas since 1994 and after nearly three decades in 2023, they started getting tickets for serving free meals outside of the city's Central Library. So far they've received 96 tickets which made them [file a lawsuit](#) against the city authorities who claim that their meal service was a constitutionally protected protest.



Graffiti and broken windows at Army recruiting station in Chicago, IL. SOURCE: Chicago Anti-Report.

In Chicago, a communique posted to *Chicago Anti-Report* claimed credit for breaking out windows and covering an army recruitment center in paint and anti-war graffiti slogans. [According to the communique](#)

One week ago, Aaron Bushnell self-immolated outside the zionist embassy in so-called Washington DC. He follows an unnamed self-immolation outside the zionist embassy in Kinshasa, DRC in protest of the genocide in Congo over capitalist greed and resource extraction of cobalt and copper for the world's technology.

As such, comrades took the following actions against the recruitment center for the 33,000+ Palestinian martyrs since October 7, for Aaron Bushnell, and for all those struggling against the US imperialist machine:

- Painted *Avenge Aaron, Gaza will Haunt You, and Free Gaza* across the military machine recruitment center windows
- Smashed windows of the main army recruitment office
- Covered surveillance cameras with spray paint
- Poured red paint on windows of the Marines recruitment office

Finally, following a [successful week of action against the Mountain Valley Pipeline \(MVP\)](#), direct actions and protests continue in Appalachia, with various lock-downs and disruptions of pipeline construction shutting down work sites for hours. Be sure to check out [Appalachians Against Pipelines](#) for updates on ongoing resistance.



Forest defenders shut down construction for the Mountain Valley Pipeline. SOURCE: Appalachians Against Pipelines

## Upcoming Events

- **March 8th - 16th:** Smash By Smash West. Austin, TX. Counter-summit. [More info here](#).
- **March 9th:** Houston, TX. Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here](#).
- **March 10th:** Solidarity Fundraiser for Jeremy White. Los Angeles,

with [wealth inequality and the cost of living skyrocketing in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic](#).

Fearful of another rebellion, both parties are pushing a politics of "law and order" - from calling for attacks on houseless people to bringing in the military to deal with petty crime on the subway in New York. Meanwhile, the Republican party has also shifted to embracing full on white supremacist conspiracy theories, attacking migrants and asylum seekers while painting the structural realities pushing people to migrate as an "invasion" carried out to "replace" the "real Americans."

These forces have had a real impact. From mass shootings carried out by far-Right murderers obsessed with conspiracy theories, to the fact that a [growing number of Americans now list "immigrants" as the country's biggest threat](#). Autonomous anti-capitalist and anti-colonial movements must work to push back against both elite politicians, corporate media, and State institutions - along with their allies from inside the far-Right, all working to preserve State power and corporate domination. We must fight to build real bonds and projects of mutual aid based in solidarity with those attacked and displaced by the systems of exploitation, while mobilizing against our common enemies.

## Elites and Politicians Embrace Far-Right Conspiracy Theories

In 2018, then President Trump falsely [claimed that "George Soros" was behind a caravan](#) of refugees which was heading from Honduras to the United States. In reality, Hondurans were fleeing a country which was [left in chaos by a US backed military coup in 2009](#), made possible by graduates from the [notorious counter-insurgency training facility, the School of the Americas](#) (now referred to as the [Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation](#)), and supported by officials within the Obama Administration, such as then [Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton](#). But instead of looking at the structural realities which pushed people to flee their homes, Trump of course doubled-down on anti-immigrant hysteria in what became an unsuccessful attempt at securing a second term in the White House. Against the backdrop of anti-Semitic conspiracy theories about Soros and ["ANTIFA" plans to launch an uprising with the aid of drug cartels, Trump called in the army,](#)

which shot off [tear gas and projectiles at members of the caravan](#), whose only crime was attempting to cross the border and apply for asylum in a country which had [drastically destabilized their own in a wave of repression](#).



Six years later - as Republicans openly call for cuts to [Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and abolishing the Department of Education](#) - and Trump is back to his old playbook. [Outlets like Fox News](#) have also been hard at work, pivoting from [concocted tales of "retail crime"](#), to fever dreams of a ["migrant crime crisis"](#) which has no basis in reality. What is different, is that before what were largely fringe anti-Semitic and white supremacist theories floating around the far corners of the Alt-Right, have now become the backbone of the Republican party. ["The Great Replacement"](#) once a conspiracy pushed by only headline neo-Nazis and white supremacists, is now being touted by everyone from [pharma billionaire Vivek Ramaswamy](#), Swason frozen foods heir and Twitter troll [Tucker Carlson](#), to the [billionaire backed Turning Point USA](#). It's followers claim that a "cabal" of (often Jewish) elites or simply just "the Democrats," are purposely orchestrating the mass migration of non-white people into the US for the purpose of replacing the "real Americans."

Towards this end, Trump has even gone so far as to invoke Hitler, claiming that [immigrants are "poisoning the blood" of the nation](#), while Republicans and MAGA activists have described those seeking asylum as carrying out an "invasion" of ["military aged men"](#). The fact that a [large section of the Republican party has embraced white supremacist conspiracy theories, attacks on migrants and refugees, and calls for mass deportations](#), made evident by [groups such as Turning Point USA](#), itself funded by vast networks of dark money and wealthy donors, shows the degree of institutional backing within elite circles for these fascist policies.

## Displacement Caused by

## Corporate Globalization and US Imperialist Intervention

Despite what neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and Republican bureaucrats would have us believe, those being pushed to seek refuge in the United States are not animated by a shadowy conspiracy, but instead, by real economic policies and decades of imperial US military intervention. These are policies which have enriched corporate elites, the military industrial complex, and allowed politicians to rise to power - all while leading to the [deaths of countless thousands](#) and only further entrenching workers on both sides of the border in poverty and precarity.

Those demonized by the fascist Right - workers coming from Honduras, Guatemala, Ecuador, and Venezuela - are all countries where the [US has a deep history of military intervention and violent regime change](#). In the case of Venezuela, [US imposed sanctions are also pushing many to seek asylum from a country rocked by economic crisis and rising inflation](#). Other [countries such as Haiti and Afghanistan](#), have also seen a rise in attempted migration to the US, in response to decades of US imposed instability and crisis.

Since the cold war, the United States has armed, trained, and supported a variety of far-Right regimes, in an ongoing effort to crush indigenous, anti-capitalist, and anti-colonial movements. Through counter-insurgency training centers like the School of the Americas, paramilitary groups are trained in destroying grassroots movements and spreading brutal tactics of state repression across Central and South America.

As [SOA Watch](#) noted:

The training at the School of the Americas (again, now called the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation) is among the root causes of migration that force people to flee their countries in Latin America. SOA/WHINSEC-trained soldiers are the military muscle that keeps in place a system guaranteeing profits for the elites—and exploitation for the poor. Many immigrants to the United States are victims of U.S.-sponsored military training and atrocities in Latin America.

Corporate globalization is also another key factor that is pushing many people



across the Global South to migrate and in turn, has also been linked to the increased militarization of the US border. In 1993, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was passed, which liberalized rules governing corporate capital. While workers were locked inside borders, big business was free to move to greener pastures in order to avoid unions, environmental regulations, and paying workers higher wages. With the passing of NAFTA, many campesinos were forced to find work in the United States, which responded by militarizing the border under Operation Gatekeeper.

As [Southern Border](#) wrote:

Gatekeeper adopted a strategy of 'prevention through deterrence,' which was part of a comprehensive national southwest border strategic plan meant to bring migrant apprehensions under "control." The strategy included militarizing the Southern Border region by increasing the number of Border Patrol agents deployed on the ground, opening up interior Border Patrol checkpoints, increasing detention bed space, building walls and other infrastructure where there had been none, and by purposefully pushing migrant crossings to dangerous crossing areas, resulting in the death and disappearance of thousands of migrants. Operation Gatekeeper was part of the initial phase of the strategy that began in Imperial Beach, CA, just south of San Diego, and gradually extended its way to the east, separating communities and devastating wildlife across the Southern Border from San Diego, CA to Brownsville, TX.

Since the passing of NAFTA and Operation Gatekeeper in 1993, both corporate globalization and border militarization has only accelerated. These policies have led to both [mass inequality](#) and [record high deaths of migrants along the US border](#). These policies have also been a disaster for US workers, as ["high-wage positions in manufacturing industries"](#) were moved across the border and "contributed to rising income inequality, suppressed real wages for production workers, weakened workers' collective bargaining powers and ability to organize unions, and reduced fringe benefits."

These realities are not lost on billionaires such as Trump and the fascists they amplify, yet these forces do not wish to challenge or oppose the capitalist class attacking workers;

instead - they want to *re-direct* our rage, largely of US born white workers, not against those at the top, but instead, against those at the bottom.

As we [wrote in 2022](#):

Like the Mercers before him and now Kanye West, [Trump, Musk, etc] represents a segment of the billionaire class that is willing to align itself with the fascist-Right. This reflects the outright nihilism that this camp sells to its followers. [Trump] isn't here to shake things up, but to preserve his position at the top.

## Building An Anti-Capitalist Politics of Solidarity Across Borders

The increase in migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers into the US is directly caused by US imperialism, political intervention, and corporate globalization. These policies have done nothing to help workers on both sides of the US border and instead, have contributed to a never ending cycle of war, state repression, and increasing inequality. Workers in the Global South are increasingly forced to choose between the deadly journey into the US, imprisonment in detention centers, and staying locked within cycles of increasing poverty and State violence.

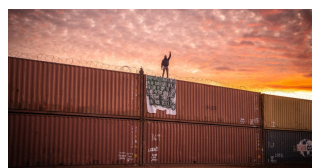
Banner from Anti-ICE Rally in Sacramento

Elites know that US workers are also aware that their lives are [increasingly impoverished](#) while inequality has only deepened. In the face of increasing strikes, the George Floyd Uprising, and growing social movements, those in power are hoping to instead direct class anger at those on the bottom - against the LGBTQ+ community, the houseless, and asylum seekers. Networks like *Fox News* are quick to push contrived fictions of a "migrant crime wave," and politicians are happy to use it as a pretext to deny services and increase repression at home. Meanwhile, the Biden administration has only [continued Trump's policies of attacking immigrants, expanding Trump's border wall, and calling for an increase of border militarization](#).



O'dham Solidarity Across Borders Collective

In the face of this, social movements must push back against both political parties, corporate media narratives, and their far-Right defenders collectively attacking migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. This can [look like developing links](#) and [helping to grow mutual aid projects along the border](#), [pushing for the abolition of ICE and detention centers](#), [standing with communities](#) pushing back against the [state's military build up](#), and also [organizing in solidarity with asylum seekers already in the US](#).



Person stands on top of shipping container wall along Arizona border at resistance encampment.

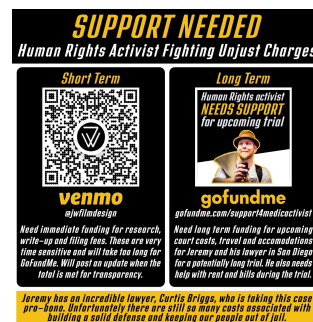
It also means pointing out our real enemies: the systems of exploitation, repression, and control which benefit from violent domination. It means recognizing that the far-Right cottage industries turning out propaganda attacking other working and poor people are ultimately defending a system of mass inequality and State power. That both political parties have created the conditions which are pushing thousands to migrate and now they want to manufacture fear of these people in order to secure votes and their own power.

"Block the Wall" march in Olympia, WA

Let us work to build an autonomous politic of solidarity and mutual aid - outside and against these borders - all the while calling out our real enemies: the corporate, political, and military elites, their media institutions, and their defenders on the far-Right.

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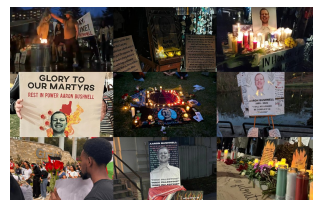
[Right gangs in San Diego in 2017](#). We talk about how [Jeremy and other activists](#) were [selectively targeted by the State](#) and law enforcement, while [fascist groups like the Proud Boys and American Guard](#) were [allowed to run wild](#) and openly attack members of the public.



We then talk to folks in Austin, Texas about the upcoming [Smash By Smash West counter-summit](#). Finally, we speak with long-time anarchist media maker Franklin Lopez, who has now [completed a new book for kids](#). We speak about anarchist media and the need for more engaging content geared at young people and parents alike.

All this and more, but first, *let's get to the news*.

## Living and Fighting



Photos from vigils in memory of Aaron Bushnell across the US. SOURCE: Facebook / Various

Across the world, people held vigils in [memory of anarchist Aaron Bushnell](#), the 25 year-old active duty member of the Air Force who in late February, set himself on fire in front of the Israeli embassy in Washington DC in what he called "an extreme protest" against the US's continued support of the war and ongoing ethnic cleansing of Palestine. In Portland, as Alissa Azar reported, in "a moving act of solidarity...Veterans [burned] their uniforms at a vigil for Aaron Bushnell, hosted by Veterans Against War."

Protests, mass marches, and blockades against the US backed war in Gaza continue. In New York, [a militant marches took the streets](#), in San Francisco, [thousands marched on the Israeli consulate](#) and were attacked by police, in Chicago, [street blockades shut down intersections](#), several [defense contractors in New Hampshire](#) were recently hit with [vandalism](#), in Ontario, over 400 pro-Palestinian protesters mobilized to [shut down a speaking event](#) featuring "prime minister Justin Trudeau in honor of [the] Italian prime minister," a protest [encampment sprang up outside of the home of US Secretary of State](#), Antony Blinken, and in Oakland, [middle school students organized a walkout](#).

died after being attacked in a bathroom at a school in a [district that had been targeted by gender fascists](#). In Los Angeles, California, people took to the streets to mourn the violent murder of Nex and also call for an end to attacks on the LGBTQ+ community.



Crowd rallies outside of St. Cloud prison in Springville, Alabama. SOURCE: Instagram

As we reported on in [our recent In Contempt](#) column, various groups have been rallying in solidarity with the call from the Free Alabama Movement for strike and protest action. One person wrote on Instagram, [stating](#):

Today, we protested again for the fourth week in a row in solidarity with the Free Alabama Movement's 90-day prison shutdown. In honor of the international day of action for Rafah, the Young Palestinians of Birmingham ([@yp.bham](#)) joined us in solidarity where we united in chants about Palestine, Alabama, Congo, and more.

Incarcerated people in America are forced to produce a wide range of products and services, including the bombs and weapons that are killing Palestinians and other innocent people all over the world. When incarcerated people refuse the forced labor, they are subjected to beatings and solitary confinement.

Currently, incarcerated people in the US do all the work to maintain the jails and are forced to work to make profits for the state and for companies like Raytheon. The same companies profiting from the occupation and genocide in Palestine are the same companies profiting from the exploitation and genocide of incarcerated people here.

As long as the ADOC and companies like Raytheon can use prison labor they will and as long as they can profit from genocide they will. Prison work stoppages shut down the entire economic system and get directly into companies'

In Berkeley, California, [hundreds shut down a speaking event featuring the deputy director of a far-Right Israeli think-tank](#), heavily involved in the state's current trajectory. Protesters rallied outside of the event, windows were broken, and the speaker was evacuated out of the building.

Blockades of weapons manufactures also continued. In Plymouth, Minnesota, [demonstrators blockaded Northrop Grumman](#), which "manufactures weapons that Israel uses against Palestinians." Meanwhile, [pickets and blockades also took place outside of Lockheed Martin](#) offices in "Vancouver, Quebec City, Calgary and Toronto."

A call in the Pacific Northwest has also been made for a mobilization against the upcoming "Aerospace and Defense Supplier Summit at the Seattle Convention Center." According to the [call posted to Puget Sound Anarchists](#):

On March 12th to 14th Seattle will host the 2024 Aerospace and Defense Supplier Summit at the Seattle Convention Center. This conference will bring together suppliers and subcontractors from around the world, including Boeing, to network and show off products that will be used to build weapons that will murder people in wars of colonial expansion in Palestine and around the world.

Read the [full call here](#).

Vigils were also held across the US in memory of Nex Benedict, an Indigenous non-binary student who



Participation, a body that in 2017 received our request to exercise our right to self-determination yet, nonetheless, as the facts have shown, has displayed favoritism towards political parties by not keeping its word to hold informative assemblies, a community consultation, and by the kidnapping of the anthropologists who came to carry out a cultural study. But Communal Government is more than just recognition from electoral institutions. Today we are present in 11 strategic points in the municipality of Chilón, where different communal positions provide their services with good will, not in the pursuit of a salary, because our feelings and the beating of our hearts are in the struggle and defense of the rights of the people. The communal in our governance is that we don't have a single head that presides over the movement, but rather a gathering of councilmembers, chosen by their regions, who represent the feeling of their people.

Today we call on those who share in our struggle to join in our demands that seek to build a more harmonious present.

- 1. We demand the recognition to exercise our rights as Indigenous peoples
- 2. We demand respect for the rights of territory and mother earth
- 3. The right to informed and prior consultation for original peoples
- 4. Dignified life for girls, boys, and youths
- 5. Yes to communal organization, no to the entry of organized crime
- 6. Absolute rejection of the militarization of our towns and territories

For life and for peace, political parties never again!!

**Communal Government Chilón, Chiapas**

**Letter from Anarchist Prisoner Jorge “Yorch” Esquivel**  
*March 11, 2024*

**Letter from Mexican anarchist political prisoner Jorge “Yorch” Esquivel from inside the Reclusorio Oriente prison in Mexico City.**

Hi compas, how are you? I’m here and a little bit stressed out with so much uncertainty. After one year and three months of imprisonment, I ask myself: how have I been able to resist in this place?

Well, I feel that I have been able to resist because of the people who visit me. Visits are very important because it is the day that you see the people who you love and those who care about you. They make you feel like it’s a different day because here all of the days are the same, and they are hard. With visits, we prisoners can forget about the situation we face every day.

Also, the food that various collectives and individuals send to me by way of the visits, like that delicious honey that was sent to me. Also, the nutritious greens and vegetables that come from the floating gardens of Xochimilco. This reminds me of a time a few months ago when I shared some *quelites* (wild edible herbs such as amaranth greens) that I had cooked with another prisoner who has been in here for a long time. When he ate the *quelites*, it reminded him of the community he is from. That made me feel good because it’s one of those little things that I wasn’t really aware of when I was on the outside. These kinds of things have allowed me to resist during this time inside.

Another thing that has also helped me a lot are the letters. I have been able to read letters from various friends, and also people who I don’t know but who are supporting me. Thank you for writing because in this environment, it’s difficult to know what’s going on with my friends. We don’t have email so letters are the way we communicate with people and they are what breaks down these prison walls. They also help me to not forget about the people who are with me, and they help them to not forget about me.

What has also helped me has been knowing about the things that have been organized in different countries such as in Spain, Canada, Germany, England, Italy, Australia, Minneapolis, Los Angeles. Seeing the flyers and posters, and knowing what folks are doing to support me, fills me with strength to keep resisting as long as is necessary.

I can’t forget to mention the graphic art, posters, movies, and books. They have been very important to me, and graphic/artwork can say many things to me that sometimes words cannot.

Thank you very much, friends. Keep applying the pressure because that is the only way to free me from prison.

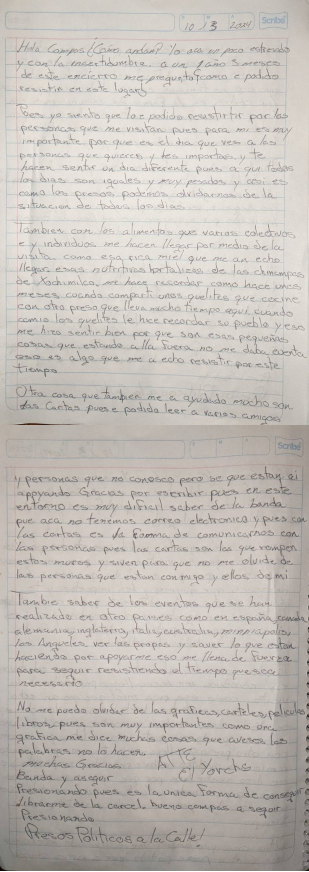
Political prisoners to the streets!

Sincerely,

El Yorchs

March 10, 2024

*For more information on Jorge’s case go [here](#). You can write Jorge a letter in English or Spanish and send it to [yorchlibre@gmail.com](mailto:yorchlibre@gmail.com).*



**This Is America #194: Jeremy White on San Diego ‘Antifa’ Case, Smash by Smash West, Franklin Lopez on New Children’s Book**  
*March 10, 2024*

Welcome, to *This Is America*, March 8th, 2024.

On today’s episode, we feature an interview first with [Jeremy White, a long-time community organizer in Southern California](#) who is currently [facing felony charges](#) stemming from a counter-protest against violent far-

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**State Vehicles Set on Fire in Protest Against Police Murder of Normalista in Chilpancingo, Mexico**  
*March 14, 2024*

**Report from Abolition Media on recent clashes between Normalistas and police, following the police murder of Yanqui Kothan Gómez Peralta.**

This Tuesday, the escape of the Guerrero police officer who murdered the 23-year-old Yanqui Kothan Gómez Peralta on March 7 on the Tixtla highway was confirmed, when three students were preparing for the 98th anniversary of the Ayotzinapa Normal School and in the framework of the intensification of the criminalization and stigmatization of the struggle for the appearance of the 43 normalistas.

President Andrés Manuel López Obrador reported this morning that the police officer who shot the Ayotzinapa student was under administrative arrest in Chilpancingo, but that on Monday “he escaped” because “protocols were not followed.” In response to the president’s statement, students from the Federation of Socialist Peasant Students of Mexico (FECSM) protested at the Guerrero State Attorney General’s Office, where they threw firecrackers at the facilities and burned eleven vehicles.

The students managed to overcome the fence of riot police that stood in front of the Prosecutor’s Office and protested for about half an hour to demand justice for their murdered comrade and the immediate arrest of the Chilpancingo policeman. Moments later, the police fired tear gas at the students to disperse them.

According to AMLO, the policeman’s escape took place while he was in transit through Chilpancingo so that state authorities could hand him over to the FGR. The Guerrero Prosecutor’s Office, for its part, assured that it never detained the police officers involved in the attack on the normalistas on March 7.

“During the development of the investigations, no authority made available to this State Attorney

General’s Office the State Police involved in the unfortunate events, where a student of the Raúl Isidro Burgos Rural Normal School, in Ayotzinapa, lost his life,” the FGE published in a statement.

Previously, the parents of the 43 disappeared students from Ayotzinapa and the lawyers accompanying them denounced the irregularities in the official versions of the murder of Gómez Peralta and the attack against the students in Guerrero.

Among the irregularities is also that despite the fact that the experts showed that the bullets were only fired from the outside to the inside of the van where the students were traveling, the authorities claim that the students also fired firearms.

The Ayotzinapa normalistas, in addition to demanding justice for Gómez Peralta, accompany the parents of the 43 students who disappeared in 2014 who demand that the federal government fulfill its commitment to resolve the Ayotzinapa Case.

*photo: Screenshot via [Azteca Noticias](#)*

**Protestors in Austin, Texas shut down Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens’s Talk at SXSW Panel**  
*March 13, 2024*

**Report from Atlanta Community Press Collective (ACPC) about recent disruption of a talk given by Atlanta Mayor, Andre Dickens at SXSW in Austin, Texas.**

*photo: @CandiceBernd via Atlanta Community Press Collective*

Monday morning, protestors disrupted Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens’ presentation on a panel in Austin, TX. Protestors interrupted Dickens as he was speaking and accused him of seamless political alignment with Georgia’s Republican Governor, Brian Kemp on police militarization, the construction of the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center (Cop City), voter suppression, and political repression against protestors. The panel was promptly cancelled as protestors unfurled a banner in front of the stage that stated “Andre Dickens, GOP Stooge. Stop Cop City.”

The panel, titled “Policy Collision:

Local Officials and Governors at Odds,” brought together Democratic local officials Andre Dickens, mayor of Atlanta; Tishaura Jones, mayor of St. Louis, MO; Christian Menefee, County Attorney, Harris County, TX; and Aftab Pureval, mayor of Cincinnati, OH to discuss how they manage their political differences with the Republican governors of their respective states. The panel was part of South by Southwest (SXSW), a technology, music, and film festival that brings more than 340,000 [people](#) and hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue to Austin each spring. Last year, SXSW generated [nearly \\$381 million dollars](#) for Austin’s economy.

Earlier in March, SXSW spurred controversy among performers, attendees, and Austin residents alike because of the festival’s U.S. Army sponsorship and ties to defense contractors that supply the Israeli military with weapons. On March 4, Chicago song-writer Ella Williams, who performs under the name Squirrel Flower, led an [artists’ boycott of the festival](#), citing SXSW’s ties to RTX Corporation. Formerly known as Raytheon, RTX Corporation produces missiles, bombs, and other weapons systems the Israeli military uses in the ongoing genocide in Palestine. SXSW has also driven intensified policing of homeless encampments throughout the city.

Monday’s disruption was organized by the [Austin Weelaunee Defense Society](#), a grassroots organization committed to growing the strength of the Stop Cop City movement outside Atlanta. The protest also coincided with—and drew participation from—Smash by Smash West, an anonymously-called Week of Action in response to growing discontent with SXSW.

[W]hile Andre Dickens was purportedly on the panel to talk about tensions with Republican Georgia Governor Brian Kemp,” the Austin Weelaunee Defense Society stated in a press release sent to media, “his administration has worked closely with the state to repress the movement against the Cop City, charging protestors with domestic terrorism, indicting the non-profit social justice community bail fund the Atlanta Solidarity Fund on RICO charges, and organizing multi-agency early morning raids of local Atlanta activists.

One protestor shouted that Andre Dickens is responsible for the first murder of an environmental activist in the U.S., referring to the multi-agency



raid in the Weelaunee Forest on [Jan. 18, 2023](#) in which Georgia State Patrol, conducting the raid in collaboration with the Atlanta Police Department, killed Manuel “Tortuguita” Paz Terán.

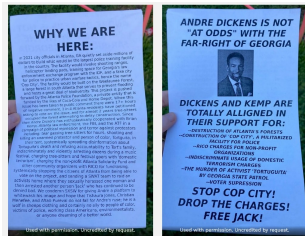
Dickens responded to protestors’ allegations by accusing them of having “privilege” and stating that there was a “racial element” to the protestors’ allegations against him before leaving the stage.

“By calling our demonstration an act of privilege, Dickens ignored the multiracial composition of the group present and the constant vocal disapproval by black and brown communities in Atlanta who would be disproportionately terrorized by police trained at Cop City,” a protestor who participated in the disruption told the Atlanta Community Press Collective. “The idea that disrupting a self-congratulatory gathering of political elites like Dickens is an act of privilege is laughably absurd.”

Protestors blocked the stage, chanting “Stop Cop City!” and “Free Jack!,” referring to John “Jack” Mazurek who was arrested and charged in association with the Stop Cop City movement on Feb. 8 in a series of multi-agency police raids in south Atlanta. Mazurek was denied bond on Feb. 9 and remains in Fulton County Jail.

Protestors strew handbills across the room that stated “Andre Dickens is not ‘At-Odds’ With the Far-Right of Georgia.” SXSW staff rushed to escort Dickens out of the building, but protestors trailed closely behind him.

As Dickens hurriedly left, one protestor shouted “Everywhere you go, we’re waiting for you! We’re in every city. Your political career is over!”



Flyers handed out by ‘Stop Cop City’ protestors. SOURCE: Atlanta Community Press Collective

## From the Southwest to the Northeast, the Stop Cop City Movement

## Continues to Spread

The disruption at SXSW in Austin, TX is part of a burgeoning wave of participation in the movement to Stop Cop City outside of Atlanta this year. On Jan. 18, more than a thousand people across the country held protests and vigils to mark the first annual Day of the Forest Defender, the one-year anniversary of the day Georgia State Patrol officers killed Terán.

Movement participants across the country held vigils in [at least 40 different cities](#) for the [Day of the Forest Defender](#). In Savannah, GA, Stop Cop City opponents held a vigil for Terán, and dozens of people broke away and [marched to the office of LS3P](#), the architectural firm for Cop City. Once there, protestors vandalized and defaced the office’s windows with spray paint, covering the front door and windows with “Stop Cop City” and “Murderers.”

A month later, movement participants in Tucson, AZ hosted a four-day convergence with workshops, shared meals, live music, cultural events, and protests against businesses with financial ties to Cop City. On Sunday, February 25, protestors [shattered the windows](#) of Wells Fargo and PNC Bank branches during a 100-person march in downtown Tucson. In a press conference hosted by summit participants the next day, Cop City opponents stated that Wells Fargo executive Mitch Graul sits on the board of the Atlanta Police Foundation.

The following day, six summit participants used a lockdown technique known as a “cupcake”—in which protestors’ hands are chained to rebar that is submerged in a tire filled with cement—to barricade two entrances of the gated community in Scottsdale, AZ where a Nationwide Insurance executive owns a home. Nationwide Insurance is the primary underwriter for Cop City. Protestors shut down the entrances for more than four hours with their own bodies, chanting “This is not a local struggle!” and singing songs in solidarity with the Stop Cop City movement and Palestine. A large support rally gathered at one entrance, cheering the activists on. As the sun set, officers from the Scottsdale Police Department and Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office extracted and arrested the protestors.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the country, hundreds of Cop City opponents across the East Coast staged teach-ins and protests in solidarity with

the Stop Cop City movement in Atlanta and the Nationwide Summit to Stop Cop City in Tucson.

Coinciding with the Nationwide Summit from Feb. 23 to 26, Cop City opponents in Savannah held a “[Weekend of Action](#)” with an art night, care workshops, phone banking against Nationwide Insurance, and a letter writing night. Participants also dropped a large banner from a parking garage across from the Nationwide Insurance office that read “Stop Cop City. Nationwide, Drop the Contract!”

In New York City, participants hosted a “[Week of Action](#)” from Feb. 22 to 26 in combined protest against Cop City and the genocide in Palestine. Participants hosted an art build day, teach-ins on international abolition and counter-repression, and a rally and march. On Feb. 26, more than 200 people [marched from Zuccotti Park to the AXA XL insurance company office](#) in Manhattan and dropped a banner from the balcony accusing AXA XL and Nationwide of profiting from homicide, genocide, and ecocide.

A month ago, the Atlanta Police Department, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, FBI, and ATF conducted multi-agency raids on four homes in south Atlanta for their alleged associations with the Stop Cop City movement, [physically assaulting and sexually humiliating detainees](#). This new wave of political repression against movement participants in Atlanta threatened to chill dissent against the project. Instead, in the last two months alone, hundreds of people across the country have taken up the fight against Cop City where they live, opening new horizons for the Stop Cop City movement to take root and spread well beyond the city limits of Atlanta.

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## Protester Climbs Inside Mountain Valley Pipeline, Blocks Work for 2 Days

*March 12, 2024*

Action report from Appalachians Against Pipelines on recent direct action against the Mountain Valley

## Pipeline (MVP).

Early Thursday morning, a pipeline fighter using the name Ricky Bobby climbed inside the Mountain Valley Pipeline (which is 42 inches in diameter) atop Peters Mountain to prevent ongoing construction in the area. MVP security and law enforcement responded to the scene but did not enter the pipe; Ricky left after 2 days and was arrested and charged with 4 misdemeanors. A banner placed at the entrance of the pipe read, “FUCK YOU, MVP.” People rallied in support of Ricky’s action on the first day at the Jefferson National Forest gate on Pocahontas Rd.

Early on in the blockade, Ricky said, “This project is worth fighting until the end. Winning looks so much bigger than just stopping this pipeline - it’s a win through the community folks continue to build. It is a win because of the insane amount of skills that people have gathered and shared. It’s a win because, whether or not this pipeline ever has gas running through it, the legacy of resistance in Appalachia still lives. Extractive industry knows that they can’t fuck with the communities here without going through hell - and we better not let them forget that.”

Ricky described their experience in the pipe, explaining, “The noise inside the pipe is constant - I can hear the echoes of my breath, conversations half a mile up the mountain where this pipe reemerges, the earth groaning and creaking, and machines far away on other slopes. Workers and cops have beat on the outside of the pipe around me, one time for what felt like multiple minutes. In that instance my body went into immediate panic - I have never heard or felt something so loud in my life.”

They stayed suspended in the 42-inch diameter pipeline for over 36 hours, preventing MVP from working on that section for both Thursday and Friday. Law enforcement sent a motorized camera into the pipe but did not ever enter themselves. Before leaving the pipe, Ricky stated, “Tomorrow’s a rainy day, meaning they probably won’t work, and my body is craving hard, flat ground. To my surprise, the cops were too scared to ever come in after me, and just sat below and watched.” Upon emerging late Friday afternoon, they were arrested and charged with 4 misdemeanors. Their bail was set at \$3,500 and they have since been bailed out.

Ricky’s action concludes a week of multiple acts of resistance to the

Mountain Valley Pipeline. On Monday, pipeline fighters River and Andy locked themselves to an immobilized vehicle on Honeysuckle Rd in Roanoke County, blocking MVP’s access to a work site, equipment yard, and access roads. The same day, 7 people were arrested after walking on to an MVP site further up the mountain. Those 7 were charged with 2 misdemeanors each and initially denied bail. They have since all had bail set and been bailed out of jail. Meanwhile, pipeline fighter and grandfather Jerome is currently serving 2 months in jail for a protest in late 2023 during which he locked himself to a drill to prevent MVP from drilling under the Elk River.

The Mountain Valley Pipeline is over budget by more than \$4 billion and nearly 6 years behind schedule. The pipeline, if completed, would transport fracked gas across at least 303 miles of Appalachia. The project has a long record of environmental violations and since the first tree sits in 2018, has lost their permit to cross National Forest land multiple times. Each time, it has been reinstated with no real plan to protect the land, ecosystems, and communities in the pipeline’s path. In June 2023, the pipeline was fast-tracked by Congress, despite local residents voicing their opposition and concerns. Over the last few months, Mountain Valley Pipeline has escalated its legal intimidation of pipeline fighters, filing multiple Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP suits) and collaborating with local law enforcement to charge protesters with erroneous felonies in order to discourage resistance.

The legal intimidation has failed to stop protestors. Ricky Bobby states, “From Appalachia to Atlanta, and from these hollers to the Gaza strip, we will keep fighting, and no matter how all this ends or what they tell you to believe, together we will win.”

## Communal Government of Chilón, Chiapas: For the Defense of Life and Mother Earth

*March 12, 2024*

A statement shared by the Communal Government of Chilón, Chiapas, following a march in the municipality, outlining their activities, concerns, and demands. It was published on [Radio Zapatista](#) and translated by [Scott Campbell](#).

Chilón, Chiapas, on March 9, 2024

To the national and international organizations  
To the original peoples of Mexico and the world  
To the defenders of Indigenous and human rights  
To the independent media  
To the people in general

We are the Communal Government of the municipality of Chilón, belonging to the original Tzeltal people. Our struggle began more than six years ago with the objective of creating an alternative path to that of the system of political parties. Today we conclude the visits to our 11 Attention Centers distributed throughout the municipality: Bachajpon, Palma Xanahil, Patwits, San Antonio Bulujib, Ch’ich’, Ahlan Sac Hun, Lázaro Cárdenas, Pamanabil, Sacun Palma, San Jerónimo T’ulih’a and Chilón, where we held 11 assemblies in which we had the opportunity to listen to our people and to inform them about our proposal for struggle and for life.

With pain and indignation, we listened to the various problems that the communities continue living through, and how our brothers and sisters are facing them. We note that the clandestine sale of alcohol and drugs has increased in the communities, which has caused the deaths of innocents and the destruction of families. We warn with concern about the increase in organized crimes cells and their collusion with the political party system. Election year has begun and the political campaigns have already shown their corrupt ways, going so far as to hand out alcohol at their events, intoxicating and manipulating the public. We said it from the start and we repeat it: political parties split, divide, and subjugate the people.

Upon seeing and feeling in our hearts the suffering of our communities, we forcefully declare that we will continue building paths of life rooted in our autonomy.

Today we affirm that as Indigenous peoples we are called to fight for the right to self-determination and thus strengthen the origins of our peoples. We promote the collective over the individual, we defend our cultural roots against the dispossession of our identity, we fight for Mother Earth in the face of the extractivist threat.

We will continue being the legitimate Communal Government, although legally our right has been held up by the Electoral Institute of Citizen